

“Men are asked to come with a willingness to participate from beginning to end – not as an observer. All participants begin at point zero with no agenda to live up to or down to. All that is required is that a man comes with a ‘beginner’s mind’ and the readiness of a young novice seeking wisdom. Ultimately, initiation, like life itself, is not a spectator’s sport.”

Richard Rohr OFM, founder MROP



Jim Taylor who hails from Texas has served as Weaver at numerous Rites of Passage programmes for many years.

He is a gifted facilitator, a great teacher and storyteller.

Jim is a dedicated spiritual guide, a wilderness wanderer and a lover of the more-than-human world. He also engages men in deepening their capacity for elder wisdom and soul work through immersion in wilderness landscapes and nature-based retreats.

ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH TO JOIN US?

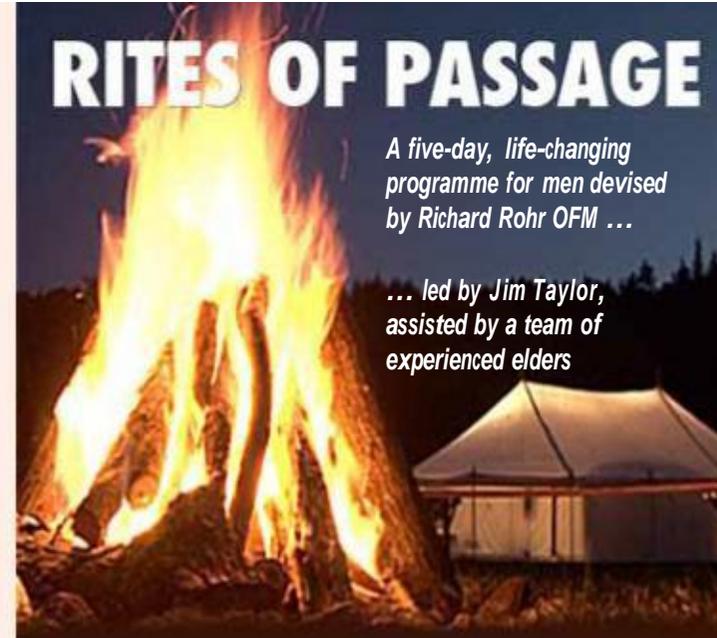


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rites of passage



A five-day, life-changing programme for men devised by Richard Rohr OFM ...

... led by Jim Taylor, assisted by a team of experienced elders

24th-28th July, 2019

*Slí an Chroí,
Kiltegan,
Co. Wicklow*

Fee: €495 (full board)

Concessions available for unwaged

Please be aware that you need to have basic mobility and health



Introduction

The Rites of Passage experience is about spirituality. It is based on the age-old traditions that have guided men into manhood for thousands of years, helping them to trust that there is something much greater at work in their lives, greater than they could ever imagine. It is a five-day, deeply soulful experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through simple and moving rituals and teaching. Each day includes drumming, group reflection, major teachings on central themes of masculine spirituality, quiet time, and sharing.

The MROP is ...

- ▼ a personal discovery about masculine spirituality.
- ▼ a time to savour the healing power of nature.
- ▼ a process to address issues of loss, grief and significant relationships.
- ▼ an opportunity to examine life's priorities and ask courageous questions about your future.
- ▼ an invitation to listen to your inner voice.
- ▼ a chance to return to life with a renewed commitment to your gifts.

The MROP is not ...

- ▼ a traditional lecture-based retreat.
- ▼ an information workshop on men's spirituality.
- ▼ a sensitivity training or deprivation experience.
- ▼ a threatening process that requires participants to engage in anything strange or unsafe.
- ▼ a test of physical stamina.

Four steps you need to take

1 Reflect and Prepare

The MROP is not just another event to attend, nor is it something to "fix" some condition in your life. It is a decision that should come out of inner reflection. You should know in your "gut" that you are being invited into it. You might also talk to others who have gone through the MROP.

2 Get an Application

Applications are available online at www.malejourney.ie or you can call M.A.L.E.s Ireland on 086 2326988. Please take your time in responding to the questions.

3 Mail Application

Mail your application to the address on your application.

4 Wait

You will be notified that your application has been received and then re-notified if you have been accepted, not accepted, or placed on a waiting list. If accepted, a full confirmation packet will be sent to you with payment and event instructions.

Not sure if you are ready?

This is a common question for those interested in the Rites of Passage. Here are some practical ways to help you know.

- ▼ Speak to someone who has participated in the Rites of Passage or get in touch with us by email at info@malejourney.ie.
- ▼ Obtain some of the resources listed below. The books, CDs, DVDs, and tapes provide valuable insights and should help you decide if the MROP is what you are seeking.

DVD's with Richard Rohr OFM

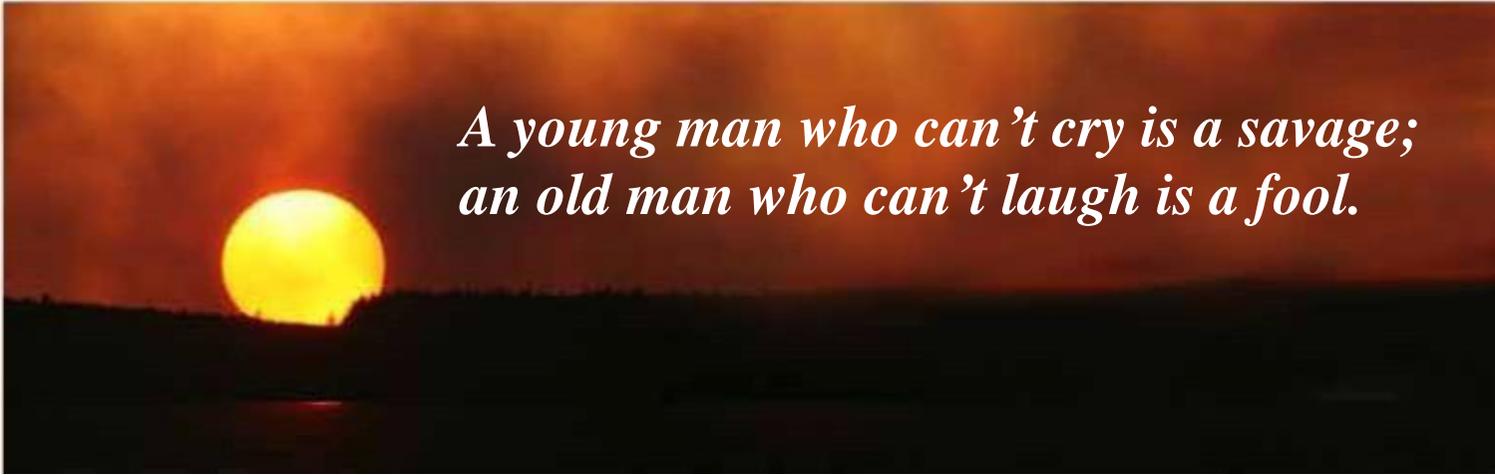
- ▼ Beloved Sons Series 1 & 2
- ▼ Masculine Spirituality
- ▼ Why Males Need Initiation
- ▼ Why Males Need Initiation (On YouTube)

Books by Richard Rohr OFM

- ▼ From Wild Man to Wise Man
- ▼ Quest for the Grail

Audio/CDs by Richard Rohr OFM

- ▼ Men Matter: A Quest for the True Self



*A young man who can't cry is a savage;
an old man who can't laugh is a fool.*