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EVENT: _____

DATE: _____



1. I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR RISKS.

I understand that Journey Into Manhood, like any other highly interactive, participatory event, has certain inherent risks. I take full personal responsibility for those risks, including potential emotional as well as physical risks. If I have any concerns with the volunteers, the Brothers Road organization, or the monastery, I will speak to those responsible and resolve them personally. I agree never to file a legal suit against any individual or organization involved.

2. PEER-RUN

I understand that Journey Into Manhood is a peer-run workshop facilitated almost entirely by volunteers. It is not professional therapy.

3. NOT A GAY-TO-STRAIGHT INTERVENTION

I understand that Journey Into Manhood is not intended or expected to turn “gay” men “straight.” It is intended to deal with some of the potential causes and effects of same-sex sexual attractions that may be related to internal dissonance or stress around sexuality, faith, family, society, and/or interpersonal relationships.

4. SSA IS NOT A MENTAL ILLNESS

I understand that Brothers Road, the organization presenting Journey Into Manhood, does not consider same-sex sexual attractions themselves to be a mental illness or personal defect.

5. NO GUARANTEES

I understand that Brothers Road does not make any guarantees that I will necessarily experience the results that I may personally hope for.

6. NO FORCE

I understand that no one will try to force me or pressure me to do anything I don’t want to do. I understand that I can step out of any process that doesn’t feel right. I understand that I am free to leave at any time, if I decide I want to. I will not be pre

7. PERSONAL PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

I understand that the volunteers (staff) will take reasonable measures to help me ensure that my personal boundaries around physical touch (such as hugging) are respected. I also promise to respect others’ physical boundaries as well.

8. TRUTHFUL ANSWER

I promise that all information I have provided to Brothers Road about who I am and why I choose to participate is accurate and truthful. If I choose to go by a alternate name while I am at the event, I will let the senior event staff (volunteers) know what my real, legal name is.

9. NO SEXUAL ACTIVITY

I promise not to engage in any sexual activity of any kind while I am at the event. I promise not to try to get anyone to engage in sexual activity with me or anyone else while I am at the event.

10. NO SEXUAL INVOLVEMENT WITH MEN IN THIS COMMUNITY

I promise never to engage in ANY sexual activity of any kind with any man from the Journey Into Manhood or Brothers Road community EVER, for the rest of my life. I promise that if I break this commitment, I will self-report it promptly to the Brothers Road executive director or the man who led my workshop.

Likewise, if I ever become aware that ANYONE ELSE within the Journey Into Manhood or Brothers Road community has broken his commitment, I will report it promptly to the Brothers Road executive director or the man who led my workshop. This is essential in order to present the integrity and healing intent of this community.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

I promise to keep confidential the names, contact information, and experiences of anyone participating in Journey Into Manhood, whether as a participant (“journeyer”) or volunteer (staff member).

I also promise to keep event processes and activities confidential and not to share any specifics about them with anyone. This includes a promise and commitment to not publish ant specifics on social media or anywhere else.

12. NO RECORDING

I promise not to record any part of the event for any reason using any mechanical or technical device. (Personal hand-written notes are okay.)

13. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Ultimately, I take full responsibility for my own experience at Journey Into Manhood.

The value I get from Journey Into Manhood will be significantly impacted by my openness to being challenged, my willingness to take emotional risks, my willingness to trust senior staff (to an appropriate degree), my willingness and ability to maintain my own healthy boundaries, and my willingness and ability to speak up for myself when I need to.

Signature: _____

