Summary of SOL

February 20, 2021

Our February School of Leaders met in person and also on Zoom to discuss Chapter 11, “Go and Make Disciples,” in Frank S. Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?

We had no Doctrinal Rollo this month. Kathleen Reilly discussed the text, as well as a bit of the Scripture references at the beginning of the chapter: Matthew 7:13-23, 9:35-38, and 28:16-20, and 1 Corinthians 12:27-30.

Chapter 1 encouraged us to aim high and not water down Jesus' message when He called us to be holy as He is holy. Chapter 2 told us how to do that – through prayer, which is communion with God. Chapter 3 challenged us to find, in Jesus, the model of humility and service we need to become a true servant leader. Chapter 4 warned us about the temptations of leadership, which he refers to as "demons of ambition." Chapter 5 discussed the differences between gratification and self-gratification – we must be sure we are serving God alone and not whatever makes me feel good. Chapter 6 discussed how we determine where our allegiance lies. Chapter 7 discussed the three conditions for an authentic Cursillo Movement. Chapter 8 discussed covenants and commitments, calling us to not fear failure but to enter into God’s covenant of love and grace, which cannot be broken. Chapter 9 described the characteristics of Spiritual power and contrasted them with political power. And Chapter 10 discussed the essential qualities of a leader, or disciple.

Chapter 11 discussed the “Great Commission.” First, Salmani defined the meaning of being a follower of Jesus as putting our own ego aside and giving ourselves to Jesus in obedience and service. Yet, as discussed in a previous chapter, we know that Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace the same call. We may have been called to be leaders in the School of Leaders, but not all are experience that same call. It is up to us to find our replacements – more co-workers in leadership of the Cursillo – primarily by our example and mentoring. If we do not rise to the occasion, this work of God – the Cursillo – will be left undone.

As we continue to pray about where is God calling each of us to serve him, we ask Him to help us become the leaders He has called us to be, particularly in the Cursillo. Do not be afraid; trust in God’s grace!

If you would like to join us in studying this book, please contact a Secretariat member for information as to how you can receive a copy of the book. Then share it with your group reunions. You will all be richly blessed.

Please join us also at the next School of Leaders on Saturday, April 17th, on Zoom and at Assumption, and bring a friend!

The Cursillo Regional Encounter also takes place on that same day, from 10am until 6pm. The Encounter includes three rollos shared by clergy and laity, as well as a virtual Ultreya. This is a good opportunity for everyone to participate in a Regional Encounter without having to travel to do so, and an opportunity to interact with Cursillistas from around the region, composed of 6 states in SE US, and share how all of us are faring in these trying times.