Summary of SOL

January 16, 2021

Our January School of Leaders met in person and also on Zoom to discuss Chapter 10, The Make-up of a Leader, in Frank S. Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?

Msgr. James Boddie discussed the Scripture verses and related them to the Cursillo Leaders’ Prayer, and led a discussion on the questions at the end of the chapter. He also asked us to pray over these questions:

*1. What kind of leader am I?*

*2. What do I need to work on?*

*3. What is one thing God has seen in me that led him to call me as an apostle?*

*4. What qualities of leadership are required for a Cursillo leader?*

The Scripture references at the beginning of the chapter are Luke 9:23-27, and 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Stephen Turner discussed the text.

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

Chapter 10 discussed the essential qualities of a leader, or disciple. A disciple must first of all be charitable, then deny himself, be willing to take up his cross each day, never be ashamed of the faith, be balanced and consistent, remain in community, always be a student of the faith through continual Study, be truthful, honest and just, be generous and not greedy, and be givers, not takers. These qualities are all embodied in the Leaders’ Prayer, which we pray at the start of every School of Leaders, and all require supernatural charity, a gift of God’s grace.

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 at the next School of Leaders on Saturday, February 20th, on Zoom and live at Kohls Hall at Assumption, and bring a friend!