**Summary of School of Leaders from**

 **October 17, 2020**

Our October School of Leaders met on Zoom to discuss Chapter 8, Covenants and Commitments, in Frank S. Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?

Deacon Paul Testa discussed covenants in the Old Testament and also with Christ and contrasted them with contracts.  The Scripture references at the beginning of the chapter are 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 and Hebrews 8:8-12.  Cari Morones 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.  Now, with Chapter 8, we discuss covenants and commitments.

Cari reminded us not to give God our leftover time, but to make Him our priority.  Some people believe that failure is the great fear of commitment.  This is why, if we want to make a commitment to do God’s work and answer His call, we must enter into the special kind of relationship called a covenant, which cannot be broken.  Then God will provide all the graces we need to do His work, so we need not fear to commit to Him.  Remember our response to the statement made to us at the close of our Cursillo weekend that “Christ is counting on you.”  We responded, “and I on His grace.”  We are always strengthened by His grace!

As we continue to pray about where is God calling each of us to serve him, we thank the Lord for sending workers to serve Him by serving on our diocesan Secretariat.  The new members chosen to serve in 2021 are Cari Kerr, Cari Morones, Mary Kay Preston, and Kathleen Reilly.  They will need committee members to assist them in their duties – a perfect opportunity for those of us just discerning God’s call to serve Him through 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 this Saturday, November 21st, at Assumption, Kohl's Hall and on Zoom, and bring a friend!