Summary of SOL

March 20, 2021

Our March School of Leaders met on Zoom to discuss Chapter 12, “Styles of Leadership,” in Frank S. Salmani's book, "Whom Shall I Send?

Deacon Bryan discussed the Scripture references at the beginning of the chapter: Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Wayne Bevis 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. And Chapter 11 discussed the meaning and implications of the “Great Commission” for leaders in the Cursillo Movement.

Chapter 12 discussed styles of leadership: authoritarian, consultative management, participatory, and consensus. All four styles suit the Cursillo Movement is different situations. The authoritarian model is needed in discussions of matters of faith, doctrine, and essentials, when there can be no discussion. In policy changes affecting the direction of the Movement, it is important to seek out input from others by using the consultative management model. The participatory model is necessary to carry out the various tasks of the Cursillo Movement. But in general, consensus works best when dealing with a room full of Leaders. Ultimately, what is most important in not the place of authority, but the *function*. The most important thing is doing the Lord’s work for Him, with one mind and heart.

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, April 17th, on Zoom and at St. Joseph’s, and bring a friend!