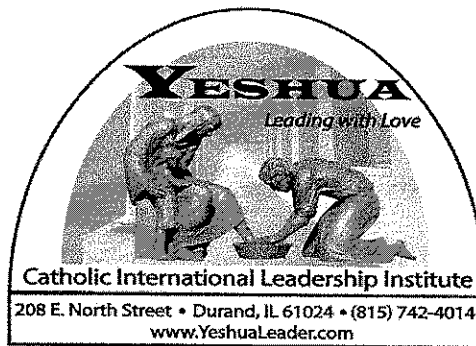


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Our Mission

To serve God by helping all members of Christ's body to love and lead as Jesus loved and led.

Our Vision

Every Catholic in every walk of life leads like Jesus — as servant, steward and shepherd.

Leadership Skills 1 & 2 Preview Sheet

1. Instructors

- Dick Kunnert, MS Ed. (McHenry and Rockford sites)
- Owen Phelps, Ph.D. (Aurora and Stockton sites)

2. Assigned reading list

- Book: *The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus* (2009, OSV). Read book in advance
- Workbook: *The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus Workbook* (2009, OSV). For in-class use

3. Introduction to topic

Jesus teaches a very particular approach to leadership and then perfectly models that approach for his disciples. This approach is mentioned in all four of the Gospels. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew we hear Jesus say: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." (Mt 20:25-26). Jesus teaches that his disciples must be **servants**, **stewards** and **shepherds** – the framework for **S₃ Leadership**. In recent decades, academic research of effective leadership has confirmed the efficacy of Jesus' approach. Of course, it should not surprise us that God was right in this instance (or in any other instance, for that matter). However, this approach is so counter-intuitive to our popular notions of leadership as "command and control" that it deserves our focused attention if we are to effectively lead and serve in our Church.

4. Guide questions

As you read the book, please give some thought to the following questions and bring your answers to class for discussion.

1. When I hear the word "leadership," what type of human interactions do I picture in my mind?
2. Can you identify one or two people who you consider good leaders in your life?
3. Can you identify one or two people who you consider poor leaders in your life?
4. What characteristics and/or dynamics distinguish the good leaders from the poor ones?
5. List the people most directly influenced by your leadership thinking and behavior?
6. What are your hopes for these people?
7. What is your greatest challenge in trying to live your faith and function as a leader at home, at work, in the community and in your parish?

5. Expectations

1. Participants have read the *Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus* hardcover book and reflected on the questions at the end of each chapter before the first class.
2. Participants will complete activities and contribute to small group and large group discussions in class.
3. The class assignment must be completed and sent to your instructor within two weeks of the final class.