



ZOOM MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7:30PM

**CHAPTER 13 - “Incarnating Leadership” – Norma Tabaosares**

**CHAPTER 14 – “Leading When You Are Not in Charge” – Charles Pinsent**

## Contributions

### Group 1

- These were quite full and challenging chapters.
- We began by discussing how it is not easy to become a leader - it takes a lot of time and commitment. Everyone’s heart must be open to the vision. It is so important to pray for the process and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- St Paul’s experience is a great example of leadership and missionary life. He began by being a non- believer and transformed into a very positive missionary person. We must be open to the Lord and follow his wishes for us.
- We discussed how it was not easy to step outside of our comfort zone and be evangelistic and how there will be opposition but we should understand that in conflict and weakness the Holy Spirit will be at His most powerful and help us.
- We need faith in our hearts to encourage other people and be brave but compassionate in our approach to strangers.
- We discussed how important it was to take time to build a good team that gets to know and trust each other so that they can support each other.
- We all agreed we are very fortunate if we have an enthusiastic, supportive, and visionary priest. We were not sure which category our bishop fell into and whether this was important in our mission. How would a mission succeed if the priest is supportive but not the bishop??
- The concept of Dream was discussed. We found that interesting how it was considered very important to have a dream and agreed with that.
- Some of our dreams for our church were:



- An evangelistic missionary church that goes out to the lost/homeless/sick/lonely/prisoners etc
- An energetic youthful church filled to the brim with young people who were actively involved in our church and wider community.
- We discussed the lack of success of our attempt at a youth group because we got the format wrong but that we should try, try and keep trying.
- Harvey told us of his experiences with youth clubs in other churches, how once the young people were brought into the church it was chaotic.
- Harvey also spoke of his experience of a very gifted priest who had a special ability to reach out to prisoners and engage them in religion.

## Group 2

- We must be positive about what we believe.
- Evangelisation does not just happen.
- Always involve the Holy Spirit.
- Sue emphasised the strength of the Holy Spirit in her life.
- Like other chapters in Fr Mallon's book, the messages are encouraging.
- The invitation to change is always there.
- The "change of attitude" is about a "change of mind"
- Jesus has shown us correct leadership, "the servant model"
- We shared good memories about the "passionate dreamers" who have greatly helped and encouraged us.
- Flexibility is so important. The task is so big. If something does not work do not worry, change your approach.
- The fact that there were ten things you can do when you are not the boss is encouraging and the importance of the Holy Spirit is truly essential. Be in communion with the Holy Spirit always.
- Give permission to the priest. It is so important to encourage the priest.
- Be merciful to your priest – also very important.
- We like the idea that Jesus the Servant is our leadership model.



- It's so encouraging that Praying and Being Filled with the Holy Spirit are two of the 10 most important things we can do when transforming to a missional church.
- Two unexpected items in the list that we need to pursue are Dreaming and Being a Vision Carrier. Inspiring.
- In the Scriptures Jesus the servant is our leadership model.
- We all need to get involved ourselves.
- It's interesting that the practice of going to Confession increases with missionary activity.
- Pray, pray, pray and actively involve the Holy Spirit.

## **Group 3**

- There are so many different types of Priests and Bishops - how can you move from maintenance to mission without a missionary priest in charge - a lot of priests are quite happy with the church as it is and only doing Sacramental duties.
- If the parishioners are enthusiastic then eventually they will influence the priest and bishops - or vice versa – don't give up.
- Fr Mallon gives some good points on how to change the attitude of the priest.
- Pray and put the prayers into action. We need to involve more people in praying - Prayer is our Daily Food.
- Not everyone can contribute manually or physically but everyone can PRAY.
- When you pray for someone you create an atmosphere with/of love - and it softens your heart towards the person that you are praying for.
- Changing people's attitudes - costs nothing but is so rewarding when you do change someone's attitude.
- Encouragement - when you lift the bar a bit higher - people will respond - the higher you lift the bar the more support and encouragement you need to give.



- If you create a culture and stick to it people will get used to it. Small steps at a time.
- Flexibility is very important - you will get one negative response but 3 positive responses.
- Being in communion with the Holy Spirit so important - PRAYING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT is most important in any endeavour.

## **Other Discussion after Breakout Rooms**

- Chapters 13 and 14 in Beyond the Parish are beautiful – remember to be merciful to the priest. This is very important as priests don't always understand everything very well. Try to be merciful and kind and give your heart to the people, not to the structure.



**NEXT MEETING**

**13th January  
7:30 p.m.  
“Beyond the Parish”**

**Chapter 15: “Culture - Is your Culture Fit for Mission?”**

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**Sue Douet**

**Chapter 16: “Culture - Growing Your Key Cultures”**

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**Pauline McKenna**

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**Secretary: Nuala Bamberg**