

CALLED TO LEADERSHIP

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP: IGNATIUS AS A LEADER - REFLECTION



I ask for what I desire as we begin this topic



I pray that my entire being become open to God's grace



I imagine these texts being addressed to me, and note my response

Grace: That I find in Ignatius a model of spiritual leadership that guides my practice

Ignatius therefore lives completely on God's mercy even in the littlest things. He felt that the greater the obstacle in life, the greater the goodness with which the Lord treated him: "the Lord's mercy was so great and the tenderness and sweetness of His grace so abundant within him, that the more he wished to be castigated in this way, the greater was God's goodness toward him and the more generously He showered him with the treasures of His infinite generosity. And so he said he believed there was no other man in the world in whom these two things came together more strikingly: failing God so much on the one hand, and receiving so many graces from Him on the other"

Address of Pope Francis to the 36th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus

Once when the doctor had told him he should avoid any bout of melancholy, because that would harm him, the Father said afterwards, "I have considered what might cause me melancholy, and I have not found anything, except if the Pope were completely to undo the Society: and even this, I think, if I were to recollect myself in prayer for a quarter of an hour, I would be as happy as before, and even more so." (182)

Excerpt from Remembering Iñigo, Luís Goncalves da Câmara

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Ignatius's ultimate purpose was the greater glory of God. This desire was at the source of his freedom. What do I pursue in my leadership? What is my purpose? Does this purpose make me free?