

# STRATEGIC PLANNING - 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: To not do “more” but to do things “more gratuitously” and to serve the smallest as if we were serving the biggest**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[Luke 9:28-36 - The Transfiguration](#)

Another critical aspect of the Provincial’s governance is comprehensive care for the Province’s apostolic works, including a thorough evaluation of their contribution to the Society’s mission and of their Jesuit character.

[GC 35, decree 5, Governance at the Service of Universal Mission, n. 29](#)

Whoever observes the wind will not sow;and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother’s womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything.

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

[Ecclesiastes 11:4-6](#)

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

In Luke’s passage we see Peter implore Jesus to stay where they are, where it is “good”. But Jesus knew he had to confront the task he had been called to fulfill and could not stay there. He also knew this decision he took led to a path of suffering and death but he nevertheless accepted it freely. What is your call and the call of your institution?