

The Journey of Spiritual Leadership

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Pope Francis and A Spirituality of Journey

Goals

You'll

- Discern implications of baptism for you.
- Explore implications of pilgrimage
- Get practical ideas about
 - Cultivating spiritual leadership in yourself.
 - Being on the lookout for grace, even in unlikely people and places.
 - Fostering gifts in others.
 - Building faith community among various stakeholders.



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Temptation

The Church, in order to survive, must stop "living within herself, of herself, for herself" (Jorge Bergoglio from speech during conclave).

Go Out!

Go, ... go out. [Jesus] urges [us] to go out and meet others where they really are, not where we think they should be. Go out, again and again, go out without fear, without hesitation. Go out and proclaim this joy which is for all the people (Pope Francis, Homily at Madison Square Gardens 9/25/15).

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Baptism

- Vatican II: 1962-1965
- *Lumen Gentium: The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* (LG)
- Baptism and Priesthood

Pope's Prayer Video on Laity, June 2018

<https://youtu.be/RW9ZJ-H8Tt4>

Trailer for *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOmY8i-uBcY>

The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, "each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ." While being "ordered one to another," they differ essentially [LG 10]. In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace --a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit--,

the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church. For this reason it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders (1547).

Reflection and Journaling

What difference does it make to think of yourself as a member of the [common] priesthood?

What ideas do you have for:

- Cultivating spiritual leadership in yourself?
- Being on the lookout for grace, even in unlikely people and places?
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A Spirituality of Journey

- Grace
- Failure
- Characteristics

Labyrinth in Audubon Park

Grace for the Journey

His friendship infinitely transcends us; we cannot buy it with our works, it can only be a gift born of his loving initiative. This invites us to live in joyful gratitude for this completely unmerited gift.... The saints avoided putting trust in their own works: “In the evening of this life, I shall appear before you empty-handed, for I do not ask you, Lord, to count my works. All our justices have stains in your sight” (GE 54).

Examen as practice to notice
graces of the day.

The Art of Walking

I am a boy who, Papa, as I wrote in my letter to you, seeks to believe. I am searching... searching, yes, to be faithful. However I have difficulties. Sometimes doubts come to me. And I believe that this is absolutely normal for my age. I wanted to ask you for a few words to help me in my growth and to support all the other young people like me (Address to students in Italy and Albania 6/7/13)

The Art of Walking

Walking is an art; if we are always in a hurry we tire and cannot reach our destination, the destination of our journey. Yet if we stop and do not move, we also fail to reach our destination.

The Art of Walking

Walking is precisely the art of looking to the horizon, thinking about where I want to go, and also coping with the weariness that comes from walking. Moreover, the way is often hard-going, it is not easy. “I want to stay faithful to this journey, but it is not easy; listen: there is darkness, there are days of darkness, days of failure, and some days of falling... someone falls, falls”.

The Art of Walking

Pope Francis continued: Yet always keep this in your thoughts: do not be afraid of failure, do not be afraid of falling. In the art of walking it is not falling that matters, but not “staying fallen.” Get up quickly, immediately, and continue to go on. And this is beautiful: it is working every day, it is walking humanly.

The Art of Walking

Pope Francis continued: But also: it is terrible to walk alone, terrible and tedious. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us: this helps us, it helps us to arrive precisely at the destination where we must arrive. I don't know if I have answered your question. Have you understood? You won't be afraid of the journey? Thank you. (Address to students in Italy and Albania 6/7/13)

Failure

...But in life it is difficult for everything to be clear, precise, outlined neatly. Life is complicated; it consists of grace and sin. He who does not sin is not human. We all make mistakes and we need to recognize our weakness. A religious who recognizes himself as weak and a sinner does not negate the witness that he is called to give, rather he reinforces it, and this is good for everyone” (Address to Superiors of Men’s Religious Orders, 11/29/13).

Failure

I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security (EG 49).

Failure

The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak (EG 47).

Characteristics of the Pilgrim

Publications by Pope Francis

- Apostolic Exhortations
 - *Evangelii Gaudium : Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World* (2013)
 - *Amoris Laetitia: Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family* (2016)
 - *Gaudete et Exsultate: Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world* (2018)
- Encyclicals
 - *Lumen Fidei: On Faith* (2013, with Pope Emeritus Benedict)
 - *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home* (2015)

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 - *Joy of Love: Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family* (2016)
 - *Rejoice and Be Glad: Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world* (2018)
- Encyclicals
 - *Light of Faith: On Faith* (2013, with Pope Emeritus Benedict)
 - *Praise Be to You: On Care for our Common Home* (2015)

Joyful

Pilgrimage is a symbol of life. It makes us imagine that life is about walking, it is a walk. It can happen: we have all had falls, mistakes in life; but if you have made a mistake, get up right away and keep walking. "Sing and walk", St Augustine said to his faithful; Walk with joy and also walk when the heart is sad, but keep walking (To Pilgrims, 6/6/15).

Joyful

And should you need to stand still, which would be to rest a bit and catch your breath in order to go on afterwards. Sing and walk! Always, sing and walk! There is also the danger of going the wrong way. Those who walk can go the wrong way; this can happen to each of us, and how often have we done this? Should you go the wrong way, go back. Go back, because Jesus is merciful (To Pilgrims, 6/6/15).

Joyful

- [A spiritual leader] is a servant of the joy of the Gospel.
- You can't pass on good news with a sad face. (Presentation to GC 35, 10/24/16).

Joyful

There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved (EG 6).

Joyful

Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but 'by attraction' (EG 14).

Magnanimous

The main element at school is to learn to be magnanimous. Magnanimity: this virtue of the great and the small.

(Address to Students in Italy and Albania,
6/7/13)

Magnanimous

What does being magnanimous mean? It means having a great heart, having greatness of mind; it means having great ideals, the wish to do great things to respond to what God asks of us. Hence also, for this very reason, to do well the routine things of every day and all the daily actions, tasks, meetings with people; doing the little everyday things with a great heart open to God and to others.

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The people of God have a good sense of smell. And sometimes our task as [leaders] is to be behind the people. A [leader] has to take up all three positions: in front to mark out the road, in the middle, to know it, and at the back to ensure nobody falls behind and to let the flock seek the road... and the sheep smell a good pasture. A [leader] has to move continually among these three positions.

Invitational

“Some of my companions are atheists, what do I have to say to persuade them?”
(Colombian university student cited in meeting with Colombian Priests 9/10/17).

Invitational

I noticed a sense of ecclesial militancy in the young man. The response came to me clearly: “The last thing to do is to use words, really, speaking is the very last thing. Start by acting, invite him along, and when he sees what you do and how you do it, then he will ask you, and then you can start to speak” (meeting with Colombian Priests 9/10/17).

Creative

Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step. Peace is **handcrafted [artigianale]**. It is made every day. Also friendship among people, mutual knowledge, esteem, is **handcrafted**. It's made every day (Flight from Fatima in response to question about his upcoming meeting with President Trump).

Characteristics

- Joyful
- Magnanimous
- Trusting
- Invitational
- Creative

Pope Francis's TED Talk

<http://time.com/4755663/pope-francis-ted-talk-transcript/>

Reflection and Reporting

What concrete things will you do to :

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