



PILLAR V: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

*"Genuine spiritual accompaniment always begins and flourishes in the context of service to the mission of evangelization."
Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 173*

INTRODUCTION TO PILLAR V

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings by the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

STEP 1: OPENING PRAYER

Lead all participants in the following prayer. At the end, spend a few moments in silent prayer.

Heavenly Father, be with us as we enter this holy space. May we speak your peace, your grace, your mercy, and your perfect order in this place. We acknowledge your power over all that will be spoken, thought, decided, and done within these walls.

Lord, we thank you for the gifts with which you have blessed us. We commit to using them responsibly in your honor. Give us fresh strength to do this ministry. Anoint our projects, ideas, and energy so that even our smallest accomplishment may bring you glory. Lord, when we are confused, guide us. When we are burned out, infuse us with the light of the Holy Spirit. May the work that we do and the way that we do it bring faith, joy, and a smile to all with whom we come in contact today. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

STEP 2: WATCH THE VIDEO ENTITLED "CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP"

Encourage the participants to take simple notes during the video.

STEP 3: REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Lead the participants in a group discussion:

- What do you think is the distinctive mark of Christian leadership?
- What models/styles of youth ministry leadership appeal most to you?
- What are the gifts that you bring to youth ministry leadership?
- What are some areas of youth ministry leadership in which you want to grow?

STEP 4: WATCH THE VIDEO ENTITLED "LEAD BY EXAMPLE"

Encourage the participants to take simple notes during the video.



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STEP 5: REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Lead the participants in a group discussion:

- Why is it important to place youth in leadership roles within the Church?
- How can a variety of leadership styles create a rich environment that speaks to youth?
- What types of leadership opportunities are available to your youth within your ministry?

STEP 6: CLOSING PRAYER

Lead all participants in the following prayer:

Prayer to Saint John XXIII

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pray for us, Saint John XXIII.

Amen.