

# Leadership Reflection for our leadership groups

**Slide 1: Holding Page**

**Slide 2: Opening Prayer**

Loving God,  
You are the light that breaks through the darkness,  
The strength that carries us when we feel weak,  
The hope that holds steady when life feels uncertain.

**Slide 3:** We bring You:  
Our stories  
Our challenges  
Our worries  
Our dreams  
And the desire to make a difference

In this moment, we pause...

**Slide 4:** To be still, to listen, and to remember You are with us.  
Renew in us the gift of hope:  
HOPE that rises when we feel weary.  
HOPE that trusts You even when the future is unclear.  
HOPE that inspires us to love, to serve, and to stay faithful.

**Slide 5:** Remind us, God, that we are never alone,  
That Your Spirit is with us in the corridors we walk,  
in the words we share,  
and in the hearts of those we learn and work alongside.

**Slide 6:** Anchor us again, Lord:  
Not in marks or achievements, but in Your faithful love.  
Not in pressure to succeed, but in knowing we are held by You.  
We place all we carry into Your hands,  
trusting You to hold what we cannot.

Amen

**Slide 7: Scripture Reading**  
Matthew 25:35 - [show video reflection here](#)

**Slide 8: Questions for Reflection**

- When Jesus says, "I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger...", what feelings or images come to mind, and how do they challenge the way I see those in need around me?
- Think of a time someone met a need of yours, big or small. How did that impact you, and how might I offer that same care to others this week?
- What is one concrete, realistic way I can respond to this verse in the next week, and how might doing so draw me closer to Jesus?



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**Slide 9:** Watch the short film about Frassati

**Slide 10: Dialogue and Encounter**

When you hear the word "leader," what picture comes to mind? What does our world understand about leadership?

*(Allow space for responses)*

**Slide 11:** The Vincentian way – and the example of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati turns that world picture upside down. Leadership isn't about being above others; it's about getting low enough to serve.

**Slide 12:** Pier Giorgio was a student, a climber, a bit of a joker. But here's the remarkable thing: he gave his bus fare to someone poorer, then ran home so he wouldn't be late.

Turn to the person next to you and finish this sentence:

"If I had to run home because I gave my money away, I would feel \_\_\_\_\_."

*(Allow space for responses)*

**Slide 13:** Pier Giorgio gives us a perfect example of Vincentian leadership: seeing Christ in the poor and acting quietly, not for attention, but through small, hidden choices made with real love.

**Slide 14: Invitation to Reflect on Leadership**

Think quietly for a moment:

- Have you ever invited someone to share in something good—maybe a prayer, a walk, or a meal?
- Have you given your time, your money, or your energy to help someone?
- Have you reached out to include the person who often gets left out?

*(Look around – those interactions are leadership too.)*

**Slide 15:** Pier Giorgio didn't command or instruct. He simply said, "Come with me." Real leadership isn't about making people follow; it's about opening a door and walking through it together.

**Slide 16: Closing Reflection: Verso l'alto**

Pier Giorgio's motto was Verso l'alto - to the heights. True leadership doesn't push people down; it lifts them up toward joy and toward Christ.





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**Slide 17: Closing Prayer:**

Loving God,  
You set mountains before us—peaks that call us upward, trails that challenge us, and views that take our breath away.  
Remind us that true leadership is not standing above, but walking alongside, lifting others toward joy, kindness, and Your love.

**Slide 18:** Give us eyes to see You in those around us, hands ready to serve, and hearts brave enough to take the first step on paths of compassion. When the climb feels steep, anchor us in Your presence. When the journey feels long, fill us with hope that rises like the morning sun.

**Slide 19:** May we always remember: to lift another is to rise ourselves, to act with love is to walk closer to You. We place our steps, our choices, our hearts into Your hands, trusting You to guide us Verso l'alto – to the heights.  
Amen

