



## **The Beatitudes and Servant Leadership: A Training for Parish Ministry,**

Dear Parishioners,

September 6, 2022

The Beatitudes are the first eight lines of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel, the heart of Jesus' teaching, and a guide to following Jesus and his way of life. They were intended for his disciples who became apostles, which means the Beatitudes are meant as Jesus' guide to leadership.

In this parish training, Dan Ebener, the author of "Blessings for Leaders," and facilitator of our strategic planning, will share his insights on the Beatitudes as they relate to parish leadership. He will facilitate interaction about the insights of parishioners as they explore ways that the Beatitudes can inspire us all to new leadership in the Church.

This is a great opportunity to learn from a nationally recognized guest speaker. Whether you are currently participating in parish ministry or considering whether you are called to serve, you are sure to gain a new understanding of how to apply the Beatitudes in parish life.

Two sessions are available:

Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 a.m. (following daily mass)

Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Whether you can attend a session or not, we ask all parishioners to join us in prayer for the success of the strategic planning process:

*Heavenly Father, we pray through the intercession of Saint John Paul II, for the grace to go forward with hope as we work in service with one another for your holy church through this strategic planning process. We pray for a generous heart for all who take part in this process, that we may become instruments of your work and do your holy will, to renew and grow your Church in our community, Amen.*

In service,

Fr. Lam and the Strategic Planning Team

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