

## **Ignatian Leadership Reflection 1/23/2018**

1. In chapter 7, Lowney explores the Jesuit maxim of the “world being our home.” Reflecting on the lives and ministries of Francis Xavier and Roberto de Nobili, explore the significance of the mobility and ingenuity of the early Society, and how these values provide an example for contemporary leadership.
2. Chapter 8 focuses on Ignatius’ emphasis on the ‘aptissimi’—the most apt, talented and capable men whom he welcomed into the Society. His willingness to welcome the “New Christians,” the oft-rejected converts whom other orders refused to consider was a unique quality in his era. What parallels do you see in our current political situation regarding how people at the margins are treated?
3. Chapter 9 considers the strengths and weaknesses, the ideals and the practicalities of the Society as it grew in the first decades. The decision to exclude the Guarani from priesthood, and the struggle to provide free education to the poor show the shadows and lights of Jesuits in the ‘real world.’ How do you respond to these aspects of their history?