

Ignatian Leadership Reflection January 16, 2018

The following series of questions focuses on chapters 4-6 of *Heroic Leadership* to provide further points for reflection as you explore the emerging themes of the book (500-600 words).

In chapter 4, Lowney presents three great representatives of Jesuit leadership. He uses the example of Benedetto Goes to represent leadership that is not measured by outcomes, but by purpose and perseverance. How do you react to this type of leadership? Why? Matteo Ricci represents the gifts of intellectual power and cultural sensitivity. Do you know of any contemporary leaders who manifest this abundance of mental gifts? Christopher Clavius manifests leadership through integrity that seeks truth above all things. Have you had experiences in your life where you had to lead by honesty rather than by creative productivity?

In chapter 5, Lowney outlines Ignatius' master vision for developing an inner reflective process that allows us to develop a capacity for leadership, that integrates self-knowledge with goals that release our motivation, empathy, and social skill. How have you experienced this process in your own way of living and working in the world?

Chapter 6 explores the evolution of the Spiritual Exercises. One of the key fruits of the Exercises is the experience of indifference. How is indifference expressed in your own discernment or growth in ministry? Ignatian heroism is manifest in the pursuit of the Magis—the 'greater' for God. What are the values and intentions you hold to make the Magis a core value in your own life?