



The Center for Women, Faith & Leadership

An Italian Catholic Sister's Leadership Inspiration

Leadership Value	Scripture Reference	Extra Scriptural Reference	Faith inspired individuals
Walk humbly with God	<p>“You have already been told what is right and what Yahweh wants of you. Only this, to do what is right, to love loyalty and to walk humbly with your God.” (Prophet Micah 6:8)</p>	<p><i>“God, take me by Your hand, I shall follow You dutifully, and not resist too much. I shall evade none of the tempests life has in store for me, I shall try to face them the best I can. But now and then grant me a short respite. I shall never again assume, in my innocence, that any peace that comes my way will be eternal. I shall accept all the inevitable tumult and struggle. I delight in warmth and security, but I shall not rebel if I have to suffer cold, should You so decree. I shall follow wherever Your hand leads me and shall try not to be afraid. I shall try to spread some of my warmth, of my genuine love for others, wherever I go. But we shouldn't boast of our love for others. We cannot be sure that it really exists. I don't want to be anything special, I only want to try to be true to that in me which seeks to fulfill its promise. I sometimes imagine that I long for the seclusion of a nunnery. But I know that I must seek You among people, out in the world.”</i> Etty Hillesum</p>	<p>Etty Hillesum (Holland), Sr. Fortunata Quascé (Sudan), Madeleine Delbrél (France), Charles de Foucault (France/Algeria).</p>
The common Good and Peace in the society	<p>“I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.” (Gospel of John 10:10)</p>	<p><i>“Peace in society cannot be understood as pacification or the mere absence of violence resulting from the domination of one part of society over others. Nor does true peace act as a pretext for justifying a social structure which silences or appeases the poor, so that the more affluent can placidly support their lifestyle while others have to make do as they can. Demands involving the distribution of wealth, concern for the</i></p>	<p>Sr. Dorothy Stang (USA/Brazil), Pope Francis, Rigoberta Menchú Tum (Guatemala), Rosa Parks (USA), Helen Suzman (South Africa), Malala Yousafzai (Pakistan), Dietrich Boienhoeffer (Germany).</p>

		<p><i>poor and human rights cannot be suppressed under the guise of creating a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority. The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised."</i></p> <p>Pope Francis</p>	
Love and Mercy	<p>"Remain in my love. ... This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." (Gospel of John 15:9.12-13)</p>	<p>"I loved the poor, I loved them more than God ... , but I hope that He will not be so careful to such subtleties and wrote all in His account" (Fr. Lorenzo Milani)</p>	<p>Mother Teresa of Calcuta (India), Fr. Lorenzo Milani, (Italy), Daniel Comboni (Italy).</p>
Collaboration and Cooperation, Circularity and Sharing	<p>"the midwives were God-fearing women and did not obey the orders of the king of Egypt, but allowed the boys to live." (Exodus 1:17)</p>	<p>"Let's give all each other the hand, one is the porpoise, one the commitment of all" (Daniel Comboni)</p>	<p>The Afghan Women currying the coffin of Farkhunda (Afghanistan), The mothers of "plaza de Mayo" (Argentina), Women against the Mafia (Italy).</p>
Dialogue and Reconciliation	<p>'You have heard how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer no resistance to the wicked. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if someone wishes to go to law with you to get your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone requires you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks you, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have heard how it was said, You will love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to</p>	<p><i>"By loving forces silently surrounded, I feel quite soothed, secure, and filled with grace. So I would like to live these days together, and go with you into another year. Still matters of the past are pressing our hearts and evil days are weighing down on us. Oh Lord, to our souls, so scared and sore, give rescue, as it's that you made us for. And when you pass to us the bitter chalice of suffering, filled to the brim and more, we take it, full of thanks and trembling not, from this, your caring and beloved hand. But if you want to please us, yet, and again with our shining sun and wondrous world, let us muse on what is past, and then we shall, with our lives, in all belong to you. Warm and bright be our candles' flame today, since into gloom you brought a gleaming light, and lead again us, if you will, together! We know it: you are beaming in the night. When silence now will snow around us ev'rywhere, so let us hear the all-embracing sound of what is not for eyes, but there, endless, wide, your world, and all your children's soaring hail. By loving forces wonderfully</i></p>	<p>Dom Christian de Chergé (Algeria), ETTY HILLESUM (Holland), Nelson Mandela (Sud Africa).</p>

	rise on the bad as well as the good, and sends down rain to fall on the upright and the wicked alike. (Mathew 5:38-45)	<i>sheltered, we are awaiting fearlessly what comes. God is with us at dusk and in the morning and most assuredly on ev'ry day.</i> " (Dietrich Boenhoeffer)	
Hope and Joy	"life that was the light of men; and light shines in darkness, and darkness could not overpower it" (Gospel of John 1:4-5) "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy ... hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (Gospel John 16:20.22)	<i>"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."</i> (Therese of Lisieux)	Therese of Lisieux (France), Francis of Assis (Italy), ETTY Hillesum (Holland).
Empowerment and Ability to Change (Recognizing and strengthen the potentialities as well as acceptance of the limitations personals and of others persons)	"You are salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled under people's feet. You are light for the world." (Gospel Mathew 5:13-14)	<i>"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye".</i> (Saint Exupéry)	Mary of Magdala, Edith Stein (Germany), Daniele Comboni (Italy/Sudan).
Honesty and Coherence	'The lamp of the body is the eye. It follows that if your eye is clear, your whole body will be filled with light. But if your eye is diseased, your whole body will be darkness. If then, the light inside you is darkened, what darkness that will be! 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money. (Gospel Mathew 6:22-24)	<i>"The great need today is for Christians who are active and critical, who don't accept situations without analyzing them inwardly and deeply. We no longer want masses of people like those who have been trifled with for so long. We want persons like fruitful fig trees, who can say yes to justice and no to injustice and can make use of the precious gift of life, regardless of the circumstances".</i> (Oscar Arnulfo Romero)	Mons. Oscar Romero (El Salvador)