



SPEAKER'S ABSTRACT PAPER (400 words max)

Topic/Session: Jesus, Our Model for Servant Leadership	
Speaker's name: Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David	Date/time: June 14, 2013 / 10:30 A.M.
Conference Objective/Outcome: Deep understanding of Servant Leadership principles and practices from the Scripture and Church Traditions, and intensified resolve to follow Jesus as the model Servant Leader in our priestly, prophetic and kingly ministries.	
<p>A. Session Objective/Outcome : To get lay people who exercise roles of leadership in the Church to understand the Biblical notion of "servant leadership" and to see in the person of Jesus their role model for servant leadership.</p>	
<p>B. Outline of subtopics & description of subject matter:</p> <p>Introduction: Modeling Christ in Servant Leadership ("Huwaran" vs. "Huwad")</p> <p>LEADERSHIP: Huwad vs. Huwaran (Worldly Leadership vs. Christ's Leadership)</p> <p>Statement 1: (See Mark 10 & John 13) The worldly leader "lords it over". The true leader in the mould of Christ is a servant; he washes his disciples' feet.</p> <p>Statement 2: (Mark 9; John 14) The worldly leader is an adult with a mind of his own. The servant leader is a child; he obeys the will of his Father.</p> <p>Statement 3: (Mat. 11,27; Jn. 16,12-15) The worldly leader speaks his own words. The servant leader speaks on behalf of God; the son on behalf of the Father; the Spirit on behalf of the Son.</p> <p>Statement 4: (Luke 19,2-10) The worldly leader has to be "on top of everything". The servant leader says, "Come down, Zaccheus."</p> <p>Statement 5: (Hebrews 10, 11-12) The worldly leader is a priest who sacrifices victims for the good of the community. The servant leader is the priest and also the victim who offers himself.</p> <p>Statement 6: (Ezek 34; Luke 15) The worldly leader prioritizes the strong, the sleek, the clever. The servant leader prioritizes the poor, the weak, the sick, the disadvantaged.</p> <p>Statement 7: (Mark 5:22-43) The worldly leader gets what he wants; he is in command, decisive, goal-oriented, not distracted. The servant leader is sensitive, patient, can wait, can allow himself to be delayed.</p> <p>Statement 8: (Gen 3, Mat 4, Phil 2) The worldly leader knows "who he is"; is conscious of his status &</p>	

his privileges. The servant leader does not try to be “like God” but rather “empties himself”.

Statement 9: (Lk 14,11; 18,14; Phil 2) The worldly leader asserts superiority, exalts himself. The servant leader humbles himself; he is exalted because of his humility.

Statement 10: (Mat 4:5-7) The worldly leader can be reckless; he has “angels” to catch him anyway. The servant leader knows prudence; he does not play god.

Statement 11: (Mat 2:1-12) The worldly leader stays in his throne; (from the vantage point of power) he “looks down” on his subjects. The servant leader journeys from afar, “looks up to the stars”, inquires, allows himself to be guided.

Statement 12: (Mat 4: 8-11) The worldly leader compromises with the devil to achieve his goals. The servant leader knows whom he serves: only God.

Statement 13: (Mk 6, Mt 14, Lk 9, Jn 6) The leader is practical; he calculates his resources, is a “sigurista”. The servant leader assumes responsibility; maximizes what is available, gathers leftovers.

Statement 14: (Luke 15:1-2) The worldly leader chooses his own company, associates only with “his own kind”. The servant leader seeks out the last, the least, the lost.

C. Conclusion : Pope Francis and the Challenge towards Modeling Christ’s Servant Leadership vs. Worldly Leadership

D. Speaker’s comments/requirements:

An LCD projector and a laptop would be needed for a powerpoint presentation. A remote control can be of help too. It would be more convenient if the laptop can be positioned right before the speaker. Participants will benefit more from the talk if they bring along their Bibles with them.

Speaker’s signature/date: May 27, 2013

