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Witnessing to a Spirituality of Servant Leadership

“Our communities are schools of the service of authority, according to the example of Jesus, with an authority that “lifts people up,” that dialogues, an authority without abuse of power.”

(Capitular Acts 2019 p. 22)

1. As I begin my prayer, I beg for the grace of genuine and humble service according to the example of Jesus.
2. I prayerfully read John 13:1-20.

¹⁴If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. (Jn. 13:14-15)

- I imagine Jesus visiting me like a dear friend and then asking for a basin, water and a towel. Surprised, I ask ‘Why?’ He says, ‘You will understand later!’ Can I let him kneel and wash my poor feet, just as they are? Am I moved, perhaps to tears, by what he does? Perhaps no one has ever done this for me since I was a child.
 - After a period silence, he explains that he himself lives out a life of loving and humble service, and that he wants me as his disciple to copy what he has done for me. I ask him to show me, day by day, whose needs he wants me to meet. I bring him with me whenever I serve others. (*adapted from www.sacredspace.ie*)
3. With an attitude of humility that Jesus has shown me, I prayerfully read our Capitular Acts 2019 p. 22.
 - How am I challenged by Jesus’ example of humility in the exercise of my responsibilities as a leader in the community and in our mission area?

“Encourage the Sisters to mutually show gratitude and appreciation, and promote the practice of giving and accepting fraternal correction in an atmosphere of trust, thus, eliminating the spirit of competition.”

- I ask the Lord to show me how to express my gratitude to each Sister in my community. I also ask Him to show me how to accept fraternal corrections graciously.
4. I become aware of the feelings that are aroused and the insights that surface.

I talk these over with the Lord.

5. Points for Sharing:

- I share my significant prayer experience on any of the points above.
- How can we as a community foster an atmosphere of sincerely expressing gratitude as well as giving fraternal correction to each other?