

## FUNDAMENTAL LEADERSHIP DRIVERS

Saint Pope John Paul II talked about the importance of building "a civilisation of love." This is a very lofty aspirational concept, which resonates not only with idealists, but also with good salt of the earth individuals, no matter what their philosophical or religious view of the world.

Pope Francis is taking another track by constantly reminding anyone who wants to listen that all humankind are sons and daughters of the one loving God through whom we live and move and have our being. Hence the need to try and see the face of Christ in those we meet.

These two complementary worldviews are drivers for any leader who is committed to enhancing humanity's desire to improve the lot of those who struggle with their lives. Having such a worldview and communicating it in an engaging way, assists others to develop significant meaning in their lives.

We are all becoming more conscious of the need to better respect our environment and ecosphere, since every human being is simply a steward of earth's resources, not the controller of them. After all, sacredness is not just a term associated with aspects of the religious, we can extend it to many aspects of creation. How often are we in awe of creation in all of its various manifestations!!

The often quoted inspiration, "Without a vision the people perish", from the Book of Proverbs, ought to be the fundamental lens through which a leader views her/his job, at whatever level in an organisation. Hence the vital importance of sorting out for oneself one's fundamental worldview in interacting with others. After all, it is through these sorts of considerations that we contribute to the inexorable movement towards bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth.

***"Neither you nor the world knows what you can do until you have tried."***

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Kia tau rangimārie.**

**Early summer greetings! We wish you every blessing as you prepare for Christmas and the summer vacation.**

### Catholic Schools Day 16th May 2016

You may wish to start planning for Catholic Schools Day on 16th May, 2016. Material will be sent out from NZCEO early in 2016.

### The Catholic Institute National Report on Teacher Qualification (RE) 2015

This important document is now available at [www.tci.ac.nz/new-publication](http://www.tci.ac.nz/new-publication). We congratulate TCI and NCRS on the research.

### Free - The Pope App

Follow live streaming of papal events, receive notifications of important events, view papal photos, videos, @Pontifex tweets, full texts of homilies and speeches, a calendar of events and links to all the Vatican media. The app also allows you to visit the Vatican live through the various webcams located in St. Peter's Square and other areas nearby. Find it at [www.w2.vatican.va](http://www.w2.vatican.va), select English option at the top right and then at the bottom of the webpage under Other Offices select app.

### '3 Hours for Syria' Campaign

This project was developed by Year 10 students at St Mary's College, Auckland, to raise funds and awareness about the desperate plight of Syrian refugees in the Middle East. St Mary's College is now challenging other Catholic secondary schools to join in the campaign and show they care by working for 3 hours and donating money earned to Caritas Aotearoa NZ. Schools joining the challenge include Carmel College, Rosmini College, and St Peter's College, Auckland.

### Interesting Websites

[www.gpbs.com.au](http://www.gpbs.com.au) GPBS is a multimedia website connecting faith, liturgy and life, for the Catholic community searching for resources based on the four key components: gather, proclaim, break and send.

<http://cathnews.co.nz/newsletter/> If you do not already receive the free weekly newsletter from Cath News NZ and Pacific you might find it worthwhile to place yourself on the mailing list.

### God's Honours Board

This 2012 book by Brendan Schollum about the people who have helped shape Catholic education in New Zealand is now offered to Catholic schools free of charge, Contact Matthew Schollum, [m\\_schollum@hotmail.com](mailto:m_schollum@hotmail.com), for a copy.

### Called by Christ

This new programme developed by Colin MacLeod, DRS at Kavanagh College, was designed for small groups in homes, staffrooms or parish centres to reflect on four aspects of the joy of the Gospel: encounter, grace, healing and hope. Colin's goal was to have 1,000 people across Dunedin diocese participating in the programme – 1,100 participated. Read more at [www.cdd.org.nz](http://www.cdd.org.nz)

### Pope Francis Says

"Don't be closed in on yourselves, don't be stifled by petty squabbles, don't remain a hostage to your own problems. These will be resolved if you go forth and help others to resolve their own problems, and proclaim the Good News. You will find life by giving life, hope by giving hope, love by giving love."

## Hints on Advertisements for Teachers in Catholic Schools: Deputy Principals and Religious Education teachers

- We have recently seen occasional advertisements for Deputy Principals without any reference to the S66 requirement. If you have just one Deputy Principal they should hold the S66 tag.
- We would suggest that you check the Handbook for Boards of Trustees for the correct wording to be used when advertising for S65 and S66 positions.
- Occasionally positions for Religious Education teachers in Catholic secondary schools have been advertised as teachers of Religious Studies. Although senior students complete Religious Studies assessments for NCEA our teachers do not teach Religious Studies, they teach Religious Education. There is a significant difference.

## Pope Francis' Address to Youth in Cuba, September 2015

"A Latin American writer has said that people have two eyes: one of flesh and another of glass. With the eye of flesh, we see what is before us and with the eye of glass, we see what we dream of. It's nice, no? In the objectivity of life, the capacity of dreaming has to enter in. A young person who is not capable of dreaming is cloistered in himself, he's closed in on himself. Sure a person sometimes dreams of things that are never going to happen. But dream them. Seek the horizon. Open yourselves to great things."

## Catholic Schools Working Together

Since Catholic schools were first opened in New Zealand many have worked together for the furtherance of Catholic education. Integration strengthened this trend. The emergence of digital technology has massively increased the potential for sharing information, and collaboration, leading to the new Catholic schools portal which will facilitate another leap forward. Globally, many New Zealand Catholic teachers and students collaborate with colleagues in the United States of America and other countries through a variety of channels, including [www.catholicedchat.blogspot.com](http://www.catholicedchat.blogspot.com). We have much to gain from developing our global perspective.

## Pope Francis Says

"The light is always inside us, because the light gives us joy, gives us hope. When people seek the light they can make the world a better place. God is Love. The love of God never leaves us. It is always with us. Let us have faith in this love."

## Some Thoughts about Christmas

May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;  
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;  
The Heart of Christmas which is love." Ada V Hendricks

"Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas." Pope John XXIII

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." Charles Dickens

"May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through." Anon

**"Education is the movement from darkness to light."**

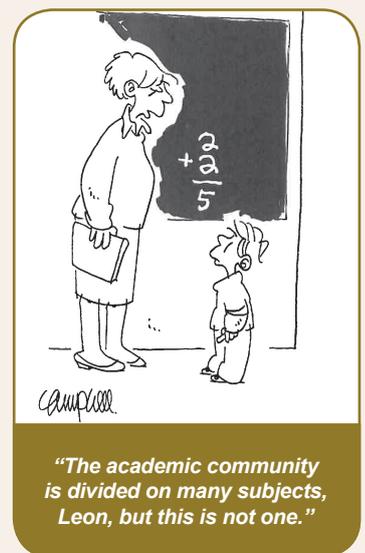
Allan Bloom

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I'm not sure if in Cuba they use this word, but in Argentina, we say, don't be wimpy. Open yourselves and dream. Dream that the world with you can be different. Dream that if you give the best of yourself, you are going to help this world be different. Don't forget, dream. If you get carried away and dream too much and life cuts you off, don't worry. Dream and share your dreams. Speak about the great things that you want, because inasmuch as your capacity to dream is greater, when life leaves you only halfway, you will have gone farther. So, first dream.

When a religion becomes a "little convent" it loses the best that it has, it loses its reality of adoring God, of believing in God. It's a little convent of words, of prayers, of "I'm good and you're bad," of moral regulations. I have my ideology, my way of thinking and you have yours; I close myself in this "little convent" of ideology.

There was another word that you said, the word hope. Youth are the hope of the people; we hear this everywhere. But what is hope? Is it to be optimistic? No. Optimism is a mood. Tomorrow, you wake up with an upset stomach and you're not optimistic, you see everything in a negative light. Hope is something more. Hope is something that endures through suffering. Hope knows how to suffer to bring forward a project. It knows how to make sacrifices. Are you capable of making sacrifices for a future or do you only want to live today and leave what comes to those that come after? Hope is fruitful. Hope gives life. Hope is given in work, and here I want to mention a very grave problem that is being experienced in Europe: the number of youth who do not have work. There are countries in Europe where as many as 40% of youth 25 years old and younger live unemployed. The youth become part of the throwaway culture and all of us know that today, in this empire of the god money, things are thrown away and people are thrown away, children are thrown away because they are unwanted.



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