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## What Type of Leader are You?

What defines your style of leadership? As we close another year and face the beginning of a new year, it is an appropriate time to assess the style of leadership that is most effective in Catholic school. More and more we explore the merit of collaboration, cooperation, and coordination regarding leadership in Catholic education. There are managers and there are leaders, and so often a blending of the two. Managers are important in so far as they are task oriented and 'get things done'. Leaders on the other hand guide, persuade, and model partnership, ownership, collaboration, and success.

The success very often is a result of the tendency of Catholic school leaders to embrace servant leadership. According to Robert Greenleaf the **servant leader** is **servant** first... there is a natural feeling that service enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world. Isn't this what each of us strives for everyday?

Consider a school year where by your intentional disposition to serve, the results are modeling for students, parents/guardians, and the general public that the leaders in Catholic schools work for the benefit, success, and personal growth of each person in the community. Certainly this is the key to a more peaceful world.

