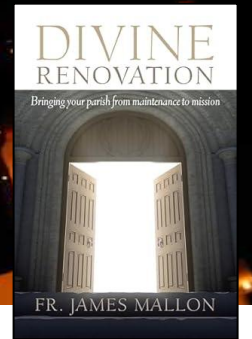


## Week 8

# INSPIRATION

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 9:1–8 (The Transfiguration)



**DIVINE RENOVATION BOOK READING:** Chapter 7: Leader of the House, The Essential Role of Leadership and Conclusion (p. 233–286)

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The Second Vatican Council identified three key functions of priestly ministry, which are “to preach the Word of God, to celebrate the sacraments of faith and to lead God’s people.” (p. 233)
- Successful leaders “lean into their natural strengths and talents” and are simultaneously aware of their weaknesses and deficits. (p. 241)
- A leader must have a vision about the destination — the dream of what that destination can be. (p. 247)
- For vision to take root it “must be communicated and shared in a compelling way that invites others to receive it, take ownership of it, and even change and adjust it.” (p. 250)
- To do this work, we must lean on God. “It is the Holy Spirit of God who brings us to embrace our true identity as a missionary Church.” (p. 285)

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What feelings or emotions did you have while reading this chapter?
- What values would you like your community to be visibly living out in five years? How can you make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness?
- What challenges do you foresee in moving towards renewal? How can you and your parish overcome these challenges?
- How will you bring the mission of renewal to your own life? To your family and friends? To your parish community?
- How can you be involved in encouraging people to become disciples?
- For the vision to be sustainable, there must be a strong team to support its implementation and continuation. How do you develop and support your team members?
- What are some of the key insights or observations you have had from reading this book?

Please join us for any of our small groups (below). You may attend a different one each week as your schedule permits. Free books available at parish offices. Please e-mail [parishcollaboration44113@gmail.com](mailto:parishcollaboration44113@gmail.com) to submit your thoughts on this chapter if you can't attend a group.

#### Sundays

11:00am  
St. Malachi  
Hall

#### Mondays

10:00am  
St. Malachi  
Meeting Room

#### Tuesdays

6:00pm  
Via ZOOM

#### Wednesdays

6:10pm  
St. Patrick – Faith Form.  
Conf. Room

#### Saturdays

8:30am  
St. Patrick – Faith Form.  
Conf. Room