"I am the vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit he takes away, and every branch of mine that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." John 15:1-2.

Branches receive life from the vine as we receive spiritual life from Christ
LEADERSHIP DEFINED

A ministry of the Church shared by all who are in Christ

Not limited to a special, professional class, nor solely the Priest

Embodies values into the practices which shape the parish or a ministry through its worship, witness, ministries and culture

Essence is unchanging regarding its principles and values (servanthood, morality, respect, etc)

Adaptable in style to meet differing situations, cultures or contexts
6 (REALLY 9) C’S OF LEADERSHIP

Personal Level
- Foundation in Jesus Christ
- Guided by the Holy Spirit
- Trust – character – trust
- Not personality

Organizational Level
- "Church Life"
- "Orthodox Life"
- Big/small
- Crisis/Gliding
- Life Cycle
- Parish Composition

Communication --- Culture --- Change

- To the “Why”
  - Christ, Faith, Tradition
  - Humility & Ego

- Professional Skills
- Planning Skills
- Team Building
- Healthy Parish

- "Gate Keeper"
- Consensus Building/Conciliarity
- Decision Making
- Commitment to the “why”

- Situational Leadership
- Connections
- Parish linkages & dynamics
- “Spiderweb”
- Ministry links & opportunities

- Character
- Conviction
- Competency
- Commitment
- Confluence
- Context
THE ESSENCE OF LEADERSHIP

THE “LOVING LEADER”

A Christian Leader is patient and kind.

The Leader does not envy, does not boast, is not proud.

Does not dishonor others, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs.

A Christian Leader does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.