



Catholic Leadership Program

Leadership Part 1

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*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters;
He restoreth my soul.
Psalm 23 1-3*

The Shepherd in ancient times was a blend of strength and gentility. He demonstrated remarkable courage out in the open unsheltered environment. He had the intestinal fortitude to protect and nurture. It is not one or the other, it is the two fused together. Finding this balance and being able to do both is what leadership is.

We know that leadership is second only to classroom instruction among all school-related factors that contribute to what students learn at school. Also, we know that successful leaders develop and count on contributions from many others in their organizations through a collaborative leadership model.

Two thousand years ago they settled on this awesome image of the Shepherd to capture it all but over time we have lost the power of it because we don't understand the role as well anymore. We need to review that. Shepherds cultivate fidelity and build relationships.

It is not enough to have good intentions. We are required to be competent and knowledgeable in our field. We will develop this and grow in this area as we serve.

Therefore, the Waterloo Catholic District School Board's Leadership Strategy is designed to provide the opportunity for all teachers to consider Catholic leadership under the context of the Shepherd and to build their leadership capacity.

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