



# Prayer

S E R V I C E

## WHO ARE WE TO BE?

### CALL TO PRAYER

**LEADER** We take time to remember that we are always in the presence of God, who loves us and knows our hearts and our innermost dreams and desires.

**ALL** Loving God, we are full of gratitude for all the gifts and talents you have given us to be leaders in the Catholic health ministry.

**LEADER** We take time to remember that we are always in the presence of God, who loves us and knows our hearts and our "So the point is not to become a leader. The point is to become yourself completely—all your skills, gifts, and energies—in order to make your vision manifest. You must withhold nothing. You must, in sum, become the person you started out to be, and enjoy the process of becoming."<sup>1</sup>

### LITANY OF AUTHENTICITY

**LEADER** Being authentic is to be our real selves in the external world.

**RESPONSE** Loving God, transform us!

**LEADER** Being authentic is being ourselves as we engage with others.

**RESPONSE** Loving God, transform us!

**LEADER** Being authentic is not hiding behind a mask, not faking what we think or feel.

**RESPONSE** Loving God, transform us!

**LEADER** Being authentic is living with honesty and integrity.

**RESPONSE** Loving God, transform us!

**LEADER** Being authentic is matching our inner reality with its outward expression.

**RESPONSE** Loving God, transform us!

### READING

Many Gifts One Spirit (1 Cor 12:4-13)

There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another the power to express knowledge. Through the Spirit one receives faith; by the same Spirit another is given the gift of healing, and still another miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues, another that of interpreting the tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts, distributing them to each as he wills. The body is one and has many members, but all the members, many though they are, are one body; and so it is with Christ. It was in one Spirit that all of us, whether Jew or Greek, slave or free, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.

### CLOSING PRAYER

**LEADER** Loving God, we know you love us unconditionally. Give us the grace to be the persons you call us to be using our gifts and talents to transform hurt into hope.

1. Warren Bennis, from *Leadership & Spirit*, Russ S. Moxley, Jossey-Bass Inc., San Francisco, CA, 2000.

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