

The Priest as Boss verses The Priest as Leader

The Priest as Boss

Leads the marathon
Depends on clerical authority
Uses "you" in sermons
Assigns blame
Drives volunteers
Exploits people
Employs anger to control
Takes credit
Commands
Says "Go"
Uses knowledge to impress
Rules by fear
Talks, talks, talks
Dictates
Threatened by effective lay leadership
Cynical
Discourages
Carries resentments
Avoids painful conversations
Likes to have his feet washed
Enjoys the limelight
Dismissive

The Priest as Leader

Let's others finish first
Depends on good will
Uses "us" in sermons
Fixes the problem
Coaches volunteers
Develops people
Uses acceptance to give freedom
Gives credit
Requests
Says "Let's Go"
Offers knowledge to teach
Inspires by trust
Listens, listens, listens, then talks
Collaborates
Delighted by effective lay leadership
Hopeful
Supports
Quick to forgive
Charitably undertakes painful conversations
Washes the feet of others
Quietly lights a candle
Attentive