

Principles & Practices for Discerning a Moral Voice in a Time of State Crisis

Vocation and Location

- Identity - who am I?
- Context - where am I?
- Intersection of vocation and location is where authentic self and action are found (being and doing) - if I know who I am and what my role is, then message is “easy”
- How to get there?
 - Advance work on identity
 - Asking self and others

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Practices for Clarity and Strength

- ABCD - what assets do I bring to the context?
- Continued clarification of identity
- Curiosity about context; deepening clarity about context
- Practice intersection of vocation and location
- Additional thought: which of my selves is present?
Individual – Citizen – Layperson – Deacon – Priest – Bishop

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Leadership as Spiritual Practice

- In relationship, not isolation
- Community of Wisdom
- Different voices and perspectives
- Allow flexibility in the community of wisdom — add/subtract voices depending on context

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Concrete Practices for Crafting and Sharing Your Message

- **Have a goal**, so you're not just speaking/issuing statements for the sake of getting out there
- **Know your vision and message**, so you're responsive but not reactive
- **Know your theological foundations**, so you don't drift into pure politics
- **Take calculated leap of faith**, realizing diocesan leaders can move out front in ways congregations cannot
- **Do no harm**, denying them temptation to point fingers and score points
- **Say it and go**, because discipline and discernment will always be rewarded