

A DIVINE CALLING

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is? They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. Matthew 6:13-17

Who are you? You are likely called to be many things in this world. If you are reading this meditation, perhaps, one of your callings is likely to be a Christian in social work. What does this mean to you? How do you manifest Christ at work?

Christians are called to manifest Christ in everything we do. Facial expressions, sensitivity to others, clothing, office décor, associations, and work quality are just to name a few. This takes incredible discipline when confronted by situations that test our commitment to this divine calling.

Nevertheless, it is through our calling back through prayer that we can transcend the temptation to turn workfare into warfare. We must remember our deep connection with Christ, and all of His creation, for it is by maintaining this connection that allows Christ to shine through everything we do.

To test your success consider how your students, clients, co-workers, or supervisors would answer the question Jesus asked his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 6:15)

Dear Lord, please help me to have mercy on those who test my faith at work. Grant me the strength to call out to you when I struggle to manifest you in all that I do. Amen.



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SOCIAL WORK ADMINISTRATORS INTEREST GROUP

As NACSW develops communities of members interested in particular topics, the interest group focused on social work administrators has been revamped. This group is specifically geared toward members interested in administration-related topics. If you are an administrator, want to be one, or just feel like administration is all you do—this group is for you!

This interest group is an opportunity to engage in dialogue with NACSW colleagues facing similar occupational challenges, discuss how faith makes a difference for social work administrators, and develop networks and connections beyond your other involvement in NACSW.

You can get involved in three ways:

- Visit the following link to be added

to the social work administration listserv: <http://mail.cedarville.edu/mailman/listinfo/nacsw-admin>

- Check out the special bulletin board NACSW has created for the group and participate in the ongoing discussions and dialogue on the site: <http://nacsw.wikidot.com/social-work-administrators-of-faith>

- Plan to attend Convention 2010 where this member interest group will be supporting a rich and varied workshop track on management and leadership of organizations, grant writing, facilitating change within organizations, etc.

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