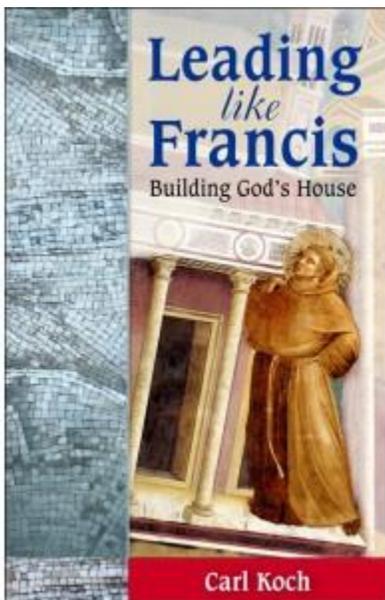


LEADING LIKE FRANCIS – BUILDING GOD'S HOUSE BY CARL KOCH

About this Book

Leading Like Francis – Building God's House introduces the reader to the foundational principles of servant-leadership and how they are clearly manifested in the life of St. Francis of Assisi. The book clarifies the ten characteristics of servant-leaders as identified by Robert Greenleaf and seen in Francis, and now in Pope Francis. Each section incorporates stories from Francis' life, passages from his writing and from Scripture, and then offers activities that individuals or groups may use to reflect on their own experience and develop habits of servant-leaders.



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Past President of the Franciscan Sisters of Dubuque, IA and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious

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"Carl Koch masterfully provides stories and writings of Francis of Assisi to exemplify Robert Greenleaf's ten characteristics of a servant-leader. The interplay of the thirteenth century saint with prevalent thought on leadership reflects the author's vast knowledge of servant-leadership. Leaders desiring a resource for ongoing formation in servant leadership and/or Franciscan spirituality will delight in this book." - **Ramona Miller, OSF**, Franciscan Pilgrimage leader, past president of the Franciscan Federation, and author of *In the Footsteps of Saint Clare*

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