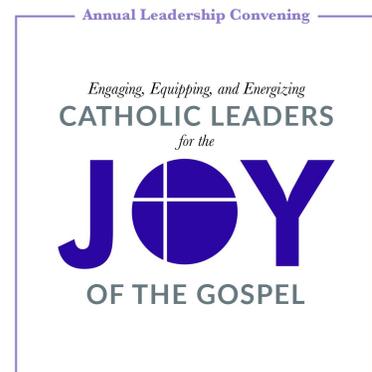


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**2017 Annual Leadership Convening Results in
Statement on Formation of Catholic Leaders**

Leadership Roundtable's 2017 Annual Leadership Convening, Engaging, Equipping, and Energizing Catholic Leaders for the Joy of the Gospel, concluded this afternoon, and resulted in a key [statement](#) on the formation of Catholic leaders as missionary disciples.



The statement builds upon a framework of empowered humility and creativity in ministry provided by Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport, CT, participants outlined a vision of leaders as missionary disciples grounded in authenticity, joy, relationship, and attention to those at the margins.

Leadership Roundtable's statement is the result of rich small group discussion, plenary sessions, and panel discussion over the course of two days. Over 100 leaders -- bishops, diocesan leaders, philanthropists and other national leaders -- contributed to the development of the statement over the course of the convening.

"This statement encapsulates why promoting and implementing managerial and leadership best practices goes hand-in-hand with serving as missionary disciples," says Kim Smolik, Ed.D., CEO of Leadership Roundtable. "We cannot be effective at going to the periphery if we do not have a set of tools to manage and lead well when doing so."

In addition to developing the statement, Annual Leadership Convening participants spent time discerning one tangible action they could commit to in order to advance Leadership formation best practice in their work.

Bishop Mark Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown; Bishop Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport; Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville; Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI, Archbishop of Milwaukee; and Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore served as speakers and panelists at the convening, along with lay subject matter experts from business, non-profits, academia, and the Church.

The 2017 Annual Leadership Convening was held June 29-30th at the Hyatt Regency Orlando in Orlando, Florida, and served as a lead-in to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Convocation of Catholic Leaders for the Joy of the Gospel in America.

For more information about the event, to conduct a media interview, or to inquire about attending the next convening, please contact [Christina Ferguson](#).