## XU Seminars on Ignatian Leadership Dr. Daniel McSpadden

And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2, one of my favorite passages in the bible, comes to mind as I reflect on the Seminars on Ignatian Leadership. Having the opportunity to participate in SIL with a diverse group of colleagues for the past 12 weeks has been somewhat of a transformation process, "renewing of my mind" per se on how I utilize various aspects of the seminars to further develop as a leader *professionally* and an individual *personally*.

Seminars- Xavier's Values: Gifts and Curas for Ignatian Leadership; Ignatian Discernment and the Daily Examen; and Ignatian Belonging are sessions where I learned more about myself and how I can utilize information shared in these sessions in my daily walk. I feel that knowledge gained from these seminars will strengthen me as a continue to grow as a professional at Xavier and allow me to "respond generously to the needs of students, colleagues, and neighbor." (Magis)

In laymen terms transformation and renewing as it relates to the Ignatian Leadership Seminars, I feel that it impacts my words and actions going forward providing a deeper understanding of Ignatian values as it relates to my leadership style and daily walk. I have developed a greater sense of purpose that will develop further as I continue my journey.

Reflecting and putting into practice "the Power of Self-Reflection" will be utilized personally and collectively with my staff as an ongoing "project."

Implementing the following, *Reflection Questions* into staff meetings, retreats, and most importantly personally will assist in transforming the TRIO team and myself from *"good" to "great!"* 

- o What daily reflection/prayer practices help me to better understand myself?
- o What daily reflection/prayer practices will help inform my leadership at Xavier?
- o How will I adapt the Daily Examen to my own reflection/meditation practices?
- How might I develop greater Ignatian indifference and freedom within myself?
   Within my area/department?
- Where might I struggle with Ignatian indifference?
- o When have I found my "attachments" to get in the way of good decision making?