

Project on Civic Reflection
at Valparaiso University

June 1, 2001

Dear Community Leader:

We encourage you to accept this very special invitation to participate in a civic leadership seminar next fall called *Changing Leaders, Leading Change: A Conversation with Civic Leaders in Valparaiso*. With leadership from the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce and sponsorship by the Project on Civic Reflection at Valparaiso University, this seminar will offer an unusual opportunity for key citizens in Valparaiso to think together critically and creatively about leading our community in a time of great change.

Participants will meet six times between September 2001 and March 2002 to share a meal and reflect upon issues of community change. Discussions will be based on a film or short reading and led by two gifted facilitators in our midst, Mark Schwehn, Dean of Christ College, Valparaiso University, and Jim Jorgensen, a partner in the law firm of Hoepfner, Wagner & Evans and former board chair of the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce.

Changing Leaders, Leading Change will meet the second Wednesday of each month in the evening, starting with dinner at 6 p.m. and concluding no later than 8:30 p.m. Seminar dates are **September 12, October 10, November 14, January 9, February 13 and March 13.**

This program is made possible by the Project on Civic Reflection at Valparaiso University, with funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc., and is completely free to participants. The only requirements are that you commit to participating in at least five of the six sessions (the first session on September 12 is a MUST!), read the short selections ahead of each meeting, and at the conclusion of the six sessions, share your candid evaluation of this program with its sponsors so they can learn from your experience.

Participation in this program is limited to 15 persons and spaces will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Please check your calendar carefully and reply as soon as possible to the Project on Civic Reflection with the enclosed self-addressed stamped postcard. Response deadline is June 21 or upon receipt of the first 15 reservations.

Once again, we encourage your participation in *Changing Leaders, Leading Change*. Our community will benefit through the participants' increased awareness of new ways to address leadership and change, and we think you will gain satisfaction—not to mention some genuine fun—through being part of this meaningful and enjoyable series of meals and conversations.

Sincerely,

David Butterfield, Mayor
City of Valparaiso

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