Prophets, Priests and Kings
The Use of Metaphors in Training Global Leaders Towards Pastoral Identity
The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. (2 Timothy 2:2)
Abstract
As the center of Christianity moves increasingly towards the Global South, the need for the development of pastoral leaders in these regions will expand exponentially. Many potential leaders face obstacles of traveling vast distances, possessing insufficient finances, or inadequate academic preparation in pursuit of further development. In the sparse number of instances where training is available, Christian leadership development is often focused on practical application rather than foundational theology. With this in view, this paper explores the potential use of metaphors in leadership training for its ability to bridge gaps in contextualization and establish global leaders for the Church who are strengthened by foundational theology that grants them a core identity from which to lead from.

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As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life. This anointing is a stirring reminder of the sublime dignity conferred on us. We, too, must embrace these shared offices of priest, prophet, and king. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear about the priestly office. Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ. … “to be a holy priesthood” (1 Peter 2:5). By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people." Like a funnel, the offices of prophet, priest, and king merge and climax in the person of Christ. The Epistle to the Hebrews makes this clear without disregarding these Old Testament offices, and without making the Old Testament types into meager spiritualized gloom, but rather shows how Christ surpasses them. Moses was the great prophet; Christ is the Lord of the prophets. Priests like Aaron offered up sacrifices on behalf of Israel each year; Christ the great high priest offered up himself once and for all. Kings of old had limited dominion and limited dynasties; Christ's dominion is ov