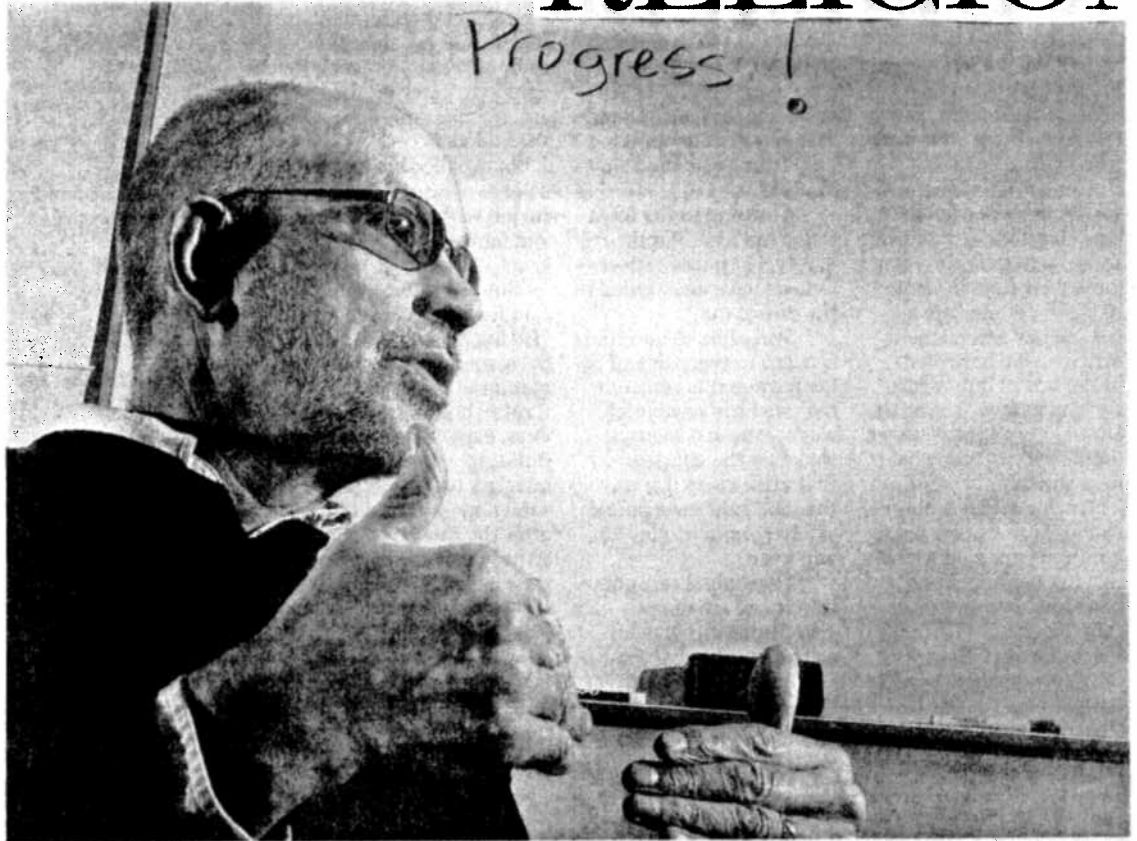


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## Ebener receives prestigious national leadership award

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Dan Ebener, the director of stewardship and parish planning for the Davenport Diocese, has received the Yves Congar Award, a national honor presented by the Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development, or CPPCD.



Ebener

Ebener's book, "Blessings for Leaders," was cited as one of the reasons he received the award, named in honor of Congar, a 20th-century theologian who was a major contributor to the work of the Second Vatican Council.

Ebener, also an associate professor at St.

Ambrose University in Davenport, said he was honored and humbled.

"Honored because this award is for leadership development and my mission is to develop leaders who can lead the change we need in the church and the world," he said. "Humbled because the award comes from my respected colleagues who are still teaching me about leadership and change. I have so much yet to learn."

Bishop Martin Amos said it is fitting for Ebener to receive the honor because "he has done so much in the diocese in forming true servant-leaders for ministry."

Terry Ginther, a past chair of the CPPCD board of directors, said Ebener, a longtime member of the

conference, is admired and respected by his peers for his efforts to shape church leaders.

Ginther said Ebener has "distinguished himself as a diocesan planning colleague, as an author, as a college professor and a trainer. Serving in all of these various roles, his work has had an impact on a significant number of people beyond his own diocese."

In addition to teaching and serving the diocese, Ebener provides consulting for groups on leadership, strategic planning, team building, fundraising, community organizing and board development.

He has led the strategic planning process for more than 100 organizations, ranging from parishes and religious communities to

health care facilities and municipalities. He also facilitated the process of creating a community mental health initiative to develop a plan of action for addressing mental health services in the Quad-City area.

He gives lectures throughout the nation and will speak later this year at the International Catholic Stewardship Conference, teach at the Zagreb School of Economics and Management in Croatia and lecture at the University of Kaiserslautern in Germany.

His books have received recognition from the Catholic Press Association. He also was given the Social Justice Award from St. Ambrose and the Spirit of Service Award from United Way of the Quad-Cities Area.