



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM
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TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: ACHIEVING THE COMMON GOOD

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Welcome and Self Introductions

Ignatian Business Chapters Mission Statement

The Mission of the Ignatian Business Chapters is to establish and lead a national and international network of business executives to explore their respective religious traditions in order to help the individual executives

- integrate faith, family, and professional life,
- develop a corporate culture that is reflective of their religious faith and values
- exercise a beneficial influence upon society at large.

The chapters, grounded in the Roman Catholic tradition, welcome believers who are open to and respectful of one another's religious tradition. They are committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one's religious heritage.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4. The Anointed Bearer of Glad Tidings

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations.
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights.

Article: "[Church, State, and the Common Good](#)" by R.R. Reno. First Things, December 2022.

Be Attentive: As you read this thoughtful article about capitalism by the conservative editor of First Things, what surprised you? What did it evoke? (Not provoke)

Be Intelligent: What values is the author promoting or calling the reader to understand? What values might be in conflict? What role does the lens of faith play?

Be Reasonable: Are there "both/and" opportunities to appreciate in the dialogue that happens in "The Public Square"? As businesspeople, how do we assess the virtues of capitalism and its limitations in our political economy? Is there a middle ground for dialogue?

Be Responsible: As we consider this thoughtful article, how does it meet the reading from the prophecy of Isaiah? What were key insights that surfaced in today's discussion? Any food for further contemplation? Any action steps? What are the implications for you at work, in your community and with family? Leverage the conversation for good!

Closing Prayer: Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!