



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM  
RENEW INTERNATIONAL



## **CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES**

**TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS**  
**SUBJECT: ST. IGNATIUS FOR OUR TIMES**  
**DATE: MAY 2024**

### **May 2024 Meeting**

#### **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, and
- 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 traditions. They are committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one's religious heritage.

#### **Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:12-18**

Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she

said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

**Quiet reflection:** Five minutes followed by sharing insights.

**Articles:**

- [“Look at the border through the eyes of migrants,”](#) Bishop Mark J. Seitz, *America Magazine*
- [“Leading with Heart,”](#) Kevin Kelly, *Musings of a CEO*
- [“Assuming the Best in Everyone,”](#) Kristine Mackey, *Jesuit Magazine*

1. **Be Attentive:** Three articles—a bishop, a CEO, and a retired executive reflecting on St. Ignatius. Which articles caught your attention and why?
2. **Be Intelligent:** As immigration is a political issue, notice how these articles are connected and a resource for conversation and dialogue.
3. **Be Reasonable:** As business professionals write these articles, reflect on what Bill Byron S.J. suggested in coining “the relevance of religion to business practice.”
4. **Be Responsible:** 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 at home? Leverage the conversation for good!

**Closing Prayer:** Personal Prayer of Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes;

to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times;  
to relish the things that are yours, and to communicate them to others.  
Give me the clarity of understanding that you gave Ignatius.

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!