



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM
RENEW INTERNATIONAL



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: FROM BUSINESS ETHICS TO BUSINESS EDUCATION

DATE: APRIL 2022

April 2022 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
 - 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: Matthew 26:36-41

The Agony in the Garden

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; [a] the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights

Article: “[From Business Ethics to Business Education](#): Peter-Hans Kolvenbach’s Contribution” by Josep M. Lozano, *Humanistic Management Journal*, March 9, 2022

Be Attentive: Many of us have been alive to see the progression of business ethics from conversations about cheating on expense accounts to organizational ethics, the development of corporate social responsibility practices, to the current focus on business education. Where did you come into the conversation, and how has business ethics evolved from your perspective?

Be Intelligent: Having reviewed the progression around business ethics conversations, how do you view the contribution of Kolvenbach, “*utilitas, iustitia, humanitas, and fides*”?

Be Reasonable: What were the key points or your take-aways from the article? Your organization? And last, did the article give you hope for Catholic and Jesuit business education?

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!

Prayer for the Ignatian Year

Loving God, we come before you, asking for your special grace as we go through the year dedicated to the memory of the conversion of St. Ignatius. We remember the battle of Pamplona, the bravery of Ignatius, his recklessness, his ability to relate to his comrades. We remember his wounds, his broken dreams; his apparent failure; the vulnerability of his health; his return to Loyola and the long days of soul searching to try to find his way in life, finally surrendering his life to you as he listened to your voice speaking to him through his reading, his dreams, his prayers and his imagination. We remember his journey to Manresa; his inner struggles; his desire to reach out to others, helping souls to discover the consolation of your risen Son.

We ask, Lord, that you renew, also today, Ignatius' spirit in us. May we grow closer to his total trust in the Holy Spirit, following him faithfully, neither running ahead nor falling behind. May we make our own his ability to discern, his courage, his vulnerability, his search for companionship; his openness to young people, and his desire to share with them his wisdom. May we learn from his fearlessness in going forward, even if it meant, sometimes, making mistakes.

Grant, Lord, that we maybe on fire with the apostolic zeal and full of love for this beautiful but broken world. Help us, Lord, to set aside our narrow views, our preconceptions of ourselves, of each other, of our world and to see everything with new eyes. Help us to live ever more deeply the Ignatian charism of seeing all things new in Christ, of seeing your grace at work, even in darkness and suffering.

May this Ignatian Year help us to know Jesus, poor and humble, to love him more dearly and follow him more closely. We ask the intercession of Our Lady of the Way. May she help us journey with your Son, Jesus, putting our hand in his, stepping out, every day, into the world with a sense of adventure, of love and hope. Amen

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.