



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM
RENEW INTERNATIONAL



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: CAREER REFLECTION IN THE NEW YEAR

DATE: JANUARY 2022

January 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: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, daughter Zion!

sing joyfully, Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart,

daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has removed the judgment against you,
he has turned away your enemies;

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, Zion,
do not be discouraged!

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior,

Who will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,

Who will sing joyfully because of you,
as on festival days.

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights

Articles: ["Mulling a Career Pivot? 3 Things to Consider"](#)

Be Attentive: As the year turns, the job market is in flux or in crisis. Many people are leaving their jobs, so this is a good time to reflect on your career pivots, historically and maybe in the present, and observe the players in your organization. What are you seeing? And what are your career pivot stories?

Be Intelligent: How are you taking stock now? How was the advice in the article? Are you observing people taking stock, "riding the fence," reacting to the current pandemic effects in the job market, or looking to the future and seeing new possibilities?

Be Reasonable: Aging at all stages of life invites discernment and decision making. Is our appropriation of Bernard Lonergan's method, (Be Attentive, Be Intelligent, Be Reasonable, and Be Responsible,) helpful for you? When have you applied the method on key decisions?

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:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability

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And that it may take a very long time.

And so, I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,

Let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time

(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you,

And accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

--Teilhard de Chardin

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

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