



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM
RENEW INTERNATIONAL



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: FINDING HOME PLATE

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November 2023 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: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Quiet reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights.

Article: "[A Game of Catch](#)," Chris Sperry, *Baseball Life*.

1. **Be Attentive:** Prompted by this evocative baseball article, what shifts in home plate have you noticed?
2. **Be Intelligent:** Staying with our home plate analogy, where and why have our standards shifted?
3. **Be Reasonable:** In what roles that you play in life—coach, leader/boss, spouse, parent, grandparent—have you made adjustments to home plate? Regrets? Lessons learned?
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: Act of Self-Dedication

Take, O Lord and receive my entire liberty,
my memory, my understanding and my will.

All that I am and all that I possess you have given to me.

I surrender it all to you to be disposed of according to your will.

Give me only your love and your grace:

With these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen.

~ *St. Ignatius Loyola*

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!