



*CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES*

**TO:** WBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS  
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**SUBJECT:** “LISTENING A LA IGNATIUS” BY JOHN HAUGHEY, SJ  
**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

**AGENDA**

- Welcome
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- Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16
- Silent Reflection
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- Discussion and Reflection
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Woodstock Business Conference is to establish and lead a network of business leaders to explore their respective religious traditions in order to ask the individual executives:

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

The Conference, grounded in Roman Catholic tradition, welcomes believers who are open to and respectful of one another’s religious traditions. It is committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one’s religious heritage.

## Silent Examen

- *Pause quietly* and become mindful of God's presence in you, and then *thank Him for the many gifts you have been given*: life, intelligence, freedom, and family, friends, and opportunities to share your many gifts with others.
- *Pray for the light to see where God has been* through the day- in what you experienced, thought, decided, and acted upon...
- Look back and ask, "What happened? What did I do? *To what was God calling me?*" And then, "*Where was God in all this?*" How can I best *understand* the situation?
- *Evaluate: how well I have done?* in recognizing God? in resisting evil?
- *What actions should I take? What decisions must I make?*

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### Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16

Now in regard to spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware. You know how, when you were pagans, you were constantly attracted and led away to mute idols. Therefore, I tell you that nobody speaking by the spirit of God says, "Jesus be accursed." And no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

**Reading:** "Listening a la Ignatius" by John Haughey, S.J., Volume 2 No. 1 Journal of Jesuit Business Education

### Questions:

1. Name the gifts you have been given for "the common good" and write them down or note them. Consider Clayton Christensen's categories "Even though I have a bunch of businesses that compete for my time, energy and talent I am trying to have a rewarding relationship with my wife, raise great kids, contribute to my community, succeed in my career, contribute to my church and so on."
2. Then consider the character of your business this past year and how that has impacted the work of the Spirit in you. Or what gets in the way?
3. What commitments and adjustments do I want to consider this year? Or what do I want to keep doing, stop doing, start doing this year? What obstacles do I anticipate?
4. What can I responsibly do or change and what is my level of commitment?