TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS
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SUBJECT: A CORPORATE LEADER ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
DATE: JANUARY 2018

- Welcome and Self-Introductions
- Ignation 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:
    - 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 the Roman Catholic tradition, welcomes believers who are open to and respectful of one another’s religious tradition. It is committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one’s religious heritage.
• Scripture Reading: [1 Samuel 3:1-21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Samuel%203:1-21)

• Quiet Reflection: 5 minutes followed by sharing insights

• Article: “BlackRock’s Message: Contribute to Society, or Risk Losing Our Support” by Andrew Ross Sorkin, New York Times, January 15, 2018

• Questions to initiate discussion:

  Be Attentive: As you noticed the headline, what response did it evoke?

  Be Intelligent: As you read the article, what surprised you and why? What concerned you and why?

  Be Reasonable: This article expressed the tension—articulated in *The Golden Passport: Harvard Business School, the Limits of Capitalism and the Morale Failure of the MBA Elite* by Duff McDonald—between shareholder value (self interest) and the common good, a key principle of Catholic social teaching. How have you observed the focus on this tension evolving or devolving in your career?

  Be Responsible: In a business culture driven by profitability, it takes courage to speak up for the common good, whether it is the needs of customers, of associates, or of the community. What examples do you have of seeing it happen or making it happen in your work life?

  How will this conversation today impact you as you move into your work, family, and community this New Year?

• Closing Prayer: St. Francis Peace Prayer

  Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
  Where there is hatred let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And, where there is sadness, joy;
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And that it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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.