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BUSINESS LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

A Guest Lecture
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The Prophet Micah bids us to “seek justice, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God.” Pope Francis bids us do the same in our business lives. He bids us to focus on its life-enhancing dimensions as well as the recognition of business’s obligation to contribute to the global human good.
Deacon William J. Toth, Ph.D. (1944-2008), a founder of the Micah Institute for Business and Economics, was Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, Immaculate Conception Seminary-School of Theology, where he joined the faculty in 1991. He taught courses in Catholic social teaching, theology and spirituality of work, as well as in fundamental moral theology and the connection between spirituality and contemporary culture. He was the recipient of several teaching grants and research grants from the university and participated actively in the University Research Council. To honor Bill Toth’s memory and legacy in perpetuity, the William J. Toth Endowed Professorship at Seton Hall University has been established. The aim of the Toth professorship is, in the words of Bernard Lonergan, SJ, to provide a "framework for collaborative creativity" by bringing exceptional scholars and outstanding contemporary thinkers to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and studies, especially between Catholic theology and sciences, religious studies, business, economics, diplomacy, law, health care and other disciplines. For more information contact the Micah Institute at (973) 275-2525 or micah@shu.edu or visit http://www.shu.edu/catholic-mission/micah-index.cfm

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