



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: COMMON GOOD CAPITALISM

DATE: MARCH 2021

March 2021 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: Joel 2:2-18

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your

God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights

Article: **Opinion: The Way Out of America's Zero-Sum Thinking on Race and Wealth**

Be Attentive: As Heather McGhee makes her case, what was the evolution of your response, in thoughts and feelings?

Be Intelligent: How persuasive is her analysis of American economic history and particularly her reference to the story of the Montgomery, Alabama pools and recreation department and the ensuing 1963 March on Washington? Any connections with George Floyd and January 6?

Be Reasonable: In this article, Heather McGhee is making the case for "Common Good Capitalism." Are we playing a "zero sum" game in which the spoils go to the winners, or is there an opportunity to work for economic justice for all and the development of a rising middle class?

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: Jesuit Inspired

Nothing is more practical than finding God,
than falling in love in a quite absolute way.
What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination,
will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.
Amen.

~ Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

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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