



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: WBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: GLOBALIZATION AND THE COMMON GOOD

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- WBC Mission Statement
- **Scripture:** *Genesis 47:1-6*
- Silent Meditation
- Sharing Insights on Scripture
- **Reading:** *And You Welcomed Me: Migration and Catholic Social Teaching*, pp. 56-61 (attached)
- Discussion and Reflection
- Closing Prayer

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.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 47:1-6

Joseph went and told Pharaoh, "My father and my brothers have come from the land of Canaan, with their flocks and herds and everything else they own; and they are now in the region of Goshen." He then presented to Pharaoh five of his brothers whom he had selected from their full number. When Pharaoh asked them what their occupation was, they answered, "We, your servants, like our ancestors, are shepherds. We have come," they continued, "in order to stay in this country, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks in the land of Canaan, so severe has the famine been there. Please, therefore, let your servants settle in the region of Goshen." Pharaoh said to Joseph, "They may settle in the region of Goshen; and if you know any of them to be qualified, you may put them in charge of my own livestock." Thus, when Jacob and his sons came to Joseph in Egypt, and Pharaoh, king of Egypt, heard about it, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Now that your father and brothers have come to you, the land of Egypt is at your disposal; settle your father and brothers in the pick of the land."

QUESTIONS

1. As a business person, how have you been affected by migration associated with globalization?
2. Pistone and Hoeffner assert that globalization has, with its attendant growth of multinational corporations, disrupted labor markets to the point that one such consequence is migration. How is the larger business community in your city affected by immigration?
3. Is the movement of labor from underdeveloped countries to developed ones, from an economic perspective, a "mutually beneficial arrangement?" (59) If so, how does it affect the business you are in?
4. What can you do to learn more about the role of immigrants in the business life of your city?

READING

And You Welcomed Me: Migration and Catholic Social Teaching, pp. 56-61