



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

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SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL DECLINE

DATE: FEBRUARY 2020

FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

- **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** John 11:11-15

After he said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural

sleep. So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

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- **Quiet reflection:** five minutes followed by sharing insights

Arthur Brooks Article: [Your Professional Decline is Coming \(Much\) Sooner Than You Think](#)

Or: [Your Professional Decline is Coming \(Much\) Sooner Than You Think](#)

Chris Farrell Response: [Your Professional Decline is Coming \(Much\) Sooner Than You Think? Bunk!](#)

Or: [Article: Professional Decline is Not Inevitable](#)

Be Attentive: How did you relate to the Arthur Brooks article and then the response? What feelings did the articles evoke?

Be Intelligent: What insights did you garner from reading these two perspectives?

Be Reasonable: What implications do you see for yourself, your co-workers, and your family?

Be Responsible: What were key meaningful points of view that surfaced in today’s discussion? Any action steps? What are the implications for you at work, in your community, and at home?

Closing Prayer: Suscipe, St. Ignatius

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. To you Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

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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