



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS
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- **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:
 - 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: Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;

Indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
The rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

A voice says, "Cry out!"

I answer, "What shall I cry out?"

"All flesh is grass,
and all their glory like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower wilts,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it.
So then, the people is the grass.
Though the grass withers and the flower wilts,
the word of our God stands forever."

Go up onto a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
Cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
Carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

New American Bible, Revised Edition.

- **Quiet Reflection: 5 minutes followed by sharing insights**

- **Article: What are the dangers of artificial intelligence in our brave new world of self-driving cars? | America: The Jesuit Review**

This article explores the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), AI ethics, and how it is affecting the way we live. Chick [here](#) to read the full article from The Jesuit Review.

- **Questions to initiate discussion:**

Be Responsible: As a decision maker, how do you handle the tension between a rules-based approach and a pastoral approach in health care and in business practice?

Be Attentive: Is the ethics of AI on your radar screen as leaders? If so, in what context?

Be Intelligent: Which of the two broad categories, the philosophical/theological or “the nuts and bolts questions driven by consumer products” is of most concern to you or your organization or your family?

Be Reasonable: What are your thoughts about the theological questions raised in the closing section, “Pierre Teilhard de Chardin’s Wild Ride”? What are your thoughts on “our freedom”?

Be Responsible: As we begin a new year, what are the ethical challenges you face in your work given the increased volatility of markets and uncertainty in the economy? How does anticipation and contemplation/reflection and this group support you as a leader? How will this conversation today impact you as you move into your work, family, and community?

- **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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