



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS
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- **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: Matthew 6: 5-15**

“When you are praying, do not behave like the hypocrites who love to stand and pray in synagogues or on street corners in order to be noticed. I give you my word, they are already repaid. Whenever you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees what no man sees, will repay you. In your prayer do not rattle on like the pagans. They think they will win a hearing by the sheer multiplication of

words. Do not imitate them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us the wrong we have done as we forgive those who wrong us. Subject us not to the trial but deliver us from the evil one.”

If you forgive the faults of others, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours. If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you.

The Old Testament of the *New American Bible*, © 1970 by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Washington, D.C.

- **Quiet Reflection: 5 minutes followed by sharing insights**
- **Article: What is Pope Francis’ effect on health care? | America Magazine**
- This article, by James F. Keenan, explores Pope Francis’ advancements in Catholic teaching, specifically in the healthcare industry. One in six patients are treated in a Catholic health care facility each day. The Catholic Church works to provide teaching and directives for employees working in these facilities in hope that they will not only affect Catholic hospitals but other healthcare facilities around the world. Chick [here](#) to read the full article from America Magazine.
- **Questions to initiate discussion:**
- **Be Attentive:** Healthcare is an important human issue. What are your current touch points and experiences with our healthcare system-as individuals, as families, and as business professionals?
- **Be Intelligent:** In this nuanced article, a leading moral theologian, James Keenan, SJ, placed the approach of Pope Francis in the context of the approaches of his two immediate predecessors. How did you react to Keenan’s analysis? Two different sets of lenses are being employed with interesting implications? What do you see?
- **Be Reasonable:** How would you characterize Pope Francis’ “pastoral approach” and how and where will it impact your decision making?
- **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?
- **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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