



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: ON RETIREMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2021

September 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: Psalm 90: *God's Eternity and Man's Frailty*

I

Lord, you have been our refuge
through all generations.
Before the mountains were born,
the earth and the world brought forth,
from eternity to eternity you are God.
You turn humanity back into dust,^[b]
saying, "Return, you children of Adam!"
A thousand years in your eyes
are merely a day gone by,
Before a watch passes in the night,
you wash them away;
They sleep,

and in the morning they sprout again like an herb.
In the morning it blooms only to pass away;
in the evening it is wilted and withered.^[4]

II

Truly we are consumed by your anger,
filled with terror by your wrath.
You have kept our faults before you,
our hidden sins in the light of your face.
Our life ebbs away under your wrath;
our years end like a sigh.
Seventy is the sum of our years,
or eighty, if we are strong;
Most of them are toil and sorrow;
they pass quickly, and we are gone.
Who comprehends the strength of your anger?
Your wrath matches the fear it inspires.
Teach us to count our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

III

Relent, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
Fill us at daybreak with your mercy,
that all our days we may sing for joy.
Make us glad as many days as you humbled us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
Show your deeds to your servants,
your glory to their children.
May the favor of the Lord our God be ours.
Prosper the work of our hands!
Prosper the work of our hands!

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights

Articles from the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College

["What Level of Long-Term Services and Supports Do Retirees Need?"](#)

["How Accurate are Retirees' Assessments of Their Retirement Risk?"](#)

Read the abstracts for summary insights. The articles are much longer.

Be Attentive: What caught your attention in these two abstracts about retirement?

Be Intelligent: How did the report assessments match up with your understanding of retirement and its risks?

Be Reasonable: What impact will these reports have on your retirement planning—and in light of this pandemic? What are the social impacts of this data and areas for concern and for public policy?

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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