



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM
RENEW INTERNATIONAL



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS
SUBJECT: COURAGE OF CONVICTION
DATE: APRIL 2024

April 2024 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, and
- 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 traditions. They are committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one's religious heritage.

Scripture Reading: John 13:36-38 - Peter's Denial Predicted

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times."

Quiet reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights.

Articles:

- [“Do you have the courage of your convictions?”](#), Adam Bryant
- [“A Forgotten Classic and the Complicated Legacy of the 1961 St. Joe’s Hawks”](#), Patrick Sauer

1. **Be Attentive:** Two articles juxtaposed state an ideal and then examine the motivations and decisions at St. Joe’s in 1961. What are your stories of exercising courage in your work life?
2. **Be Intelligent:** Reflect on the significant decisions made by the three basketball players and their coach, Jack Ramsey.
3. **Be Reasonable:** Whom do you see exhibiting courage in your work or family? How do you encourage or mentor the young to be courageous?
4. **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: Personal Prayer of Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes;
to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times;
to relish the things that are yours, and to communicate them to others.
Give me the clarity of understanding that you gave Ignatius.

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!