



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM
RENEW INTERNATIONAL

SETON HALL  UNIVERSITY™

CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: THE MEANING(S) OF EDUCATION

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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:

- 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: 2 Corinthians 13:1–9. Final Warnings.

This is the third time I am coming to you. "Any charge must be sustained by the evidence of two or three witnesses." I warned those who sinned previously and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again, I will not be lenient—since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful in you. For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God. Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless, indeed, you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have

failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect.

Quiet reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights.

Article 1: “[Cardinal Cupich: What Jesuit Catholic universities can do to stay true to their identity and mission](#),” *America Magazine*, September 18, 2023.

Article 2: “[Jimmy Buffett Didn’t Need a Music Degree](#),” Shad White, *The Wall Street Journal*, September 18, 2023.

Article 3: “[The Liberating Arts Review: The Price of Flourishing](#),” Jennifer A. Frey, *The Wall Street Journal*, September 18, 2023.

- 1. Be Attentive:** These three articles wrestle with the value of education and the kind of education. Unpack the values in each of the articles.
- 2. Be Intelligent:** Does Cardinal Cupich make a strong case for Jesuit Catholic education? What is convincing for you?
- 3. Be Reasonable:** As you influence young people about their education, undergraduate or grad school, would you encourage them to explore the benefits of a Jesuit Catholic education? Why or why not?
- 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: Act of Self-Dedication

Take, O Lord and receive my entire liberty,
my memory, my understanding and my will.

All that I am and all that I possess you have given to me.

I surrender it all to you to be disposed of according to your will.

Give me only your love and your grace:

With these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen.

~ *St. Ignatius Loyola*

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!