April 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: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13. Paul's Sincerity

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know,
we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights

Article: Why authentic informal leaders are key to an organization’s emotional health
Tapping into the collective wisdom of key employees can help a company build the capacity to weather the worst crises. by Jon Katzenbach, Augusto Giacoman, and Paolo Morley-Fletcher...

Reflection questions:

Be Attentive: Are you an AIL (Exemplar, Networker, Pride Builder) at work, at home, in community?

Be Intelligent: Who are the ALIs in your organization, at home, in your family, in your community? What are you noticing?

Be Reasonable: After identifying who are ALIs, how does one develop and mobilize the ALIs at work, with family, in your community?

Be Responsible: As leaders, do you see ALIs as assets that need to be identified, affirmed, and challenged and not just in crisis? They may be equal to tasks and bottom line in terms of organizational success. What where 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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