December 2020 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: Luke 1:46-55, Mary’s Canticle

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”
His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength
with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought
down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with
good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham
and to his descendants forever.”

**Quiet Reflection:** Five minutes followed by sharing insights

**Article:** Once feared as Vatican meddling, Catholic ideas could help America move
forward.

**Be Attentive:** How are you managing your emotions after Thanksgiving, after the
election and in anticipation of Christmas in the year of the pandemic? How are people
doing at work, at home, in your families, and in your communities?

**Be Intelligent:** What do you think about the Catholic ideas that Tom Reese S.J.
suggests could move America forward?

**Be Reasonable:** Can parts of this article be appropriated for our families and
communities as we navigate this holiday season?

**Be Responsible:** 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.