TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS
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SUBJECT: REFLECTIONS ON WORK
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• Welcome and Self-Introductions

• Ignatian Business Chapters Mission Statement
  o 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:
    ▪ To integrate faith, family, and professional life,
    ▪ To develop a corporate culture that is reflective of their religious faith and values
    ▪ To exercise a beneficial influence upon society at large.
  o The conference, grounded in the Roman Catholic tradition, welcomes believers who are open to and respectful of one another’s religious tradition. It is committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one’s religious heritage.

• Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-16

  Christian Dedication

  But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For
his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

New American Bible, Revised Edition

- **Quiet Reflection:** 5 minutes followed by sharing insights

- **Article:** Why Are Young People Pretending to Love Work?
  Click [here](https://newyorktimes.com) to read this article from *The New York Times*, by Erin Griffith.

- **Article:** At 69, I Still Find Grace and God on the Basketball Court
  Click [here](https://nationalcatholicreporter.com) to read this article from *The National Catholic Reporter*, by Patrick Reardon.

- **Questions to initiate discussion:**

  **Be Attentive:** Which generational article caught your attention and why?

  **Be Intelligent:** Contrast these two articles. Both are about hustle, but . . . ? Connect these articles to the reading from Philippians.

  **Be Reasonable:** What is your awareness of the role of “clumsy harmony” in the work place, at home, and in the community? In light of single-minded dedication, what wisdom can you offer young people?
Be Responsible: As a leader in work, family, community, how are you an instrument of “grace and clumsy harmony”? With young people, are you seeing them engaging, or are you teeing up questions of proximate values and ultimate values? What are you hearing? What echoes from your life are surfacing? How will this conversation today affect you as you move into your work, family, and community?

- Closing Prayer: Suscipe, St. Ignatius

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. To you Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace that is enough for me. 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