October 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: John 11:45-54 Session of the Sanhedrin

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said,
“What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death. Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples.

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights

Article: Can Ignatian spirituality teach us to engage prayerfully in civic life? An Ignatian Guide to Civic Engagement

Be Attentive: How are you managing your emotions around the coming election? Any tips or wisdom?
Be Intelligent: What caught you in the article and the Jesuit document? Key insights?
Be Reasonable: How will these articles and your conversation today inform your thoughts and actions in the coming months?
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.