



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM
RENEW INTERNATIONAL



CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES

TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS

SUBJECT: LIBERAL ARTS AND THE “GREAT RESIGNATION”

DATE: MAY 2022

May 2022 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: Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life

Quiet Reflection: Five minutes followed by sharing insights

Article: ["The 'Great Resignation' and the spirituality of work," *America: The Jesuit Review*, April 2022](#)

Article: ["Want to save the liberal arts? Learn a few things from the business world," *America: The Jesuit Review*, April 2022](#)

Be Attentive: Given the choice of two articles, which garnered your attention? Provoked reaction? Why?

Be Intelligent: In the “Great Resignation article,” how have you encountered the “Great Resignation?” Personally, at work, with family and friends? In “Saving the liberal arts,” do you think business advice will be helpful? Are we treating students more as consumers or as learners? What might be the resistance to taking this marketing advise?

Be Reasonable: In “The Great Resignation,” did you appreciate the author framing Catholic social teaching and *Laborem Exercens* in light of hopes and fears? What were your takeaways? In “Saving the Liberal Arts,” do Jesuit institutions need to be better than the competition, or do they need to differentiate themselves better from a values perspective?

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: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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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