



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM  
RENEW INTERNATIONAL



## **CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES**

**TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS**

**SUBJECT: THE POPE'S CALL TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION**

**DATE: JANUARY 2024**

### **January 2024 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, and
- 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 traditions. They are committed to the conviction that ethics and values grow out of one's religious heritage.

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and

blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

**Quiet reflection:** Five minutes followed by sharing insights.

**Article:** [“‘Laudato Si’ to ‘Laudate Deum’: What has changed in Pope Francis’ Climate Teaching?’](#) by Peter Knox, *America Magazine*.

*Laudate Deum*, Apostolic Exhortation given by Pope Francis.

1. **Be Attentive:** Consider this session an invitation to do a “care for our shared home” assessment or audit to start the new year. What are you noticing about climate change, your knowledge and its impact on you, your organizations, and your families?
2. **Be Intelligent:** How do you assess the case that Pope Francis makes? Does his sense of urgency impact you? Do you see it as a call to action?
3. **Be Reasonable:** Peter Knox, in his article, sets up a continuum of denial to increased awareness to action. Where are you on the continuum? What are you seeing happening personally, in your family and community, and at work?
4. **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:** Personal Prayer of Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes,  
to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times,  
to relish the things that are yours, and to communicate them to others.  
Give me the clarity of understanding that you gave Ignatius.

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.