



BALANCING **FAITH & WORK** PROGRAM  
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**CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES**

**TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS**

**SUBJECT: “THE COMMON GOOD”**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 2023**

## **February 2023 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: Genesis 3:1-5. The Fall of Man**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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

**Article:** [“Deception Detection”](#)

**Article 2:** [“A Brief History of the Catholic Church’s Teaching on Mercy and Sin”](#)

**Be Attentive:** Let us begin, as in the Old Testament, with the first lie and ask ourselves if lying is proliferating—in our culture, in our businesses, in our communities, in our families, in ourselves.

**Be Intelligent:** Any thoughts on the work of Paul Ekman on deception and the categories he presents? Is his work helpful for detection and conversation?

**Be Reasonable:** James Keenan, S.J., to the rescue with his introduction to moral theology and specifically ethics and mercy! Your thoughts and reactions to his article in *America*?

**Be Responsible:** What key insights 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:** Act of contrition inspired by the gospels:

Lord Jesus, you opened the eyes of the blind, healed the sick, forgave the sinful woman, and, after Peter’s denial, confirmed him in your love. Listen to my prayer: forgive my sins, renew your love in my heart, help me to live in perfect unity with my fellow Christians that I may proclaim your saving power to the world.

“We are called to the future where we know this is no magical formula,

No distinct path to follow.

What we do know is that you will be with us, O God,

As we respond to our call.”

Amen.

*Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, B.V.M.*

*Chaplain, Loyola University of Chicago*

*103rd Birthday, August 2022*

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.