



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

**TO: IBC AND MICAH PARTICIPANTS**

**SUBJECT: THE INFLUENCE OF APPEARANCE**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 2022**

**September 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: Matthew 6:1-4**

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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

**Article 1:** [“Lamb to the Slaughter” by Samuel Goldman.](#)

**Article 2:** [“Dress Up” by G. Bruce Boyer](#)

**Be Attentive:** Given the topic of “appearances,” what did these articles evoke or provoke in you? Memories, stories, reflections on change, etc.?

**Be Intelligent:** What are your thoughts on the Brooks Brothers story? What does it say about the times?

**Be Reasonable:** What are your thoughts on your appearances? What are the desired company appearances where you work? What about next generation advice for new hires and your kids, grandkids?

**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:**

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

What we do know is 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 22*

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, Amen!