

Monthly Newsletter

Friends,

Well, it is Opening Day for the Cubs in Chicago and the White Sox in Milwaukee on a Midwest cool, rainy afternoon, and the outcomes don't look positive. But March Madness continues to provide excitement for those of us affected by the fever.

I am days away from Holy Week, but you will probably get a post-Easter email. So, Happy Easter, and for our scripture reading, a good psalm from David.

For topics, you may choose from among three readings. The first reading is my way of introducing you to a remarkable layman committed to Catholic Social Teaching and action who has made a career of navigating polarities in Church and society and culminating his career at Georgetown by creating the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. (See their programs on *YouTube*) It is good to honor important life work.

The second reading should evoke stories of messing up and, of course, lessons learned.

The third reading is an add-on for the Lonergan scholars (a heavy read), a reflection on our contemporary times, and an application of Lonergan's famous work, *INSIGHT*. It is a concerning piece for our times.

My book recommendation is not heavy but loaded with humor and stories from Greg Boyle S.J. and Homeboy Industries (the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and reentry program in the world). His latest book is *Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in a Divided World*. As a follow-up to Lent, this book will engage your mind and heart, and all proceeds go to Homeboy Industries.

Enjoy spring and the Easter season! Make love possible wherever you can. Remember we are a people called to live the virtues of faith, hope, and charity (Love)!

AMDG,

John Fontana



MISSION

The mission of *Faith @ Work* is to establish and lead a 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 communities, 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:

Psalm 4: Joyful Confidence in God

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

ARTICLE

["Politics Without Partisanship,"](#) an interview with John Carr by Heidi Schlumpf. *Commonweal Magazine*, February 20, 2026.

["How to Quash Your Fear of Messing Up,"](#) by Ellen Taffee. *Kellog Insight*, March 6, 2026.

["Things Will Get Better Before They Get Worse,"](#) by Jonathan Heaps. *Commonweal Magazine*, January 29, 2026.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Be attentive: Any good stories of messing up? What insights did you garner from Ellen Taaffe's article?

Be intelligent: Any insights from the John Carr interview about navigating, as a layman, the polarities in our Church?

Be reasonable: Since Lonergan's major work is titled *INSIGHT*, any insights from our resident historians and theologians from this article?

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!

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