

# **SOCIETY OF APOSTOLIC EXECUTIVES MINISTRY**

## **MAY 19 BREAKFAST MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Opening Prayer**
- II. Spiritual Reflection**
- III. Gift of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Isaiah 11:2**
  - A.** The word “wisdom” comes from the Latin word “SAPIENTIA.” Sapientia actually means “tasting knowledge”—knowledge that is delightful.
  - B.** The Gift of Wisdom provides us with God’s view of things, a kind of divine perspective on reality. It penetrates through events and perceives the divine presence and action at work, even in very tragic and painful situations. Thomas Keating, “FRUITS and GIFTS of the SPIRIT,” (Lantern Books 2007 NY, NY) pg 102; see also CCC 1830-1831.
- IV. “Hiring and Firing in a Troubled Economy”**
  - A. Case Study.** Tom hires his long time friend Dick as sales manager for his new business venture. After five years of continued growth, the venture’s sales top out and begin a three year decline. With Dick being unable to get sales back on track, Tom hires Harry as Vice President of Sales. While Harry through an innovative web based sales approach has been successful in increasing sales for his previous employers, he comes with a reputation as a hardnosed manager with a combative style. Over the next two years sales increase substantially as the result of Harry’s implementation of his web based sales approach at the company. Unfortunately, being computer challenged and unable to adjust to Harry’s combative management style, Dick’s sales production continues to drop. The next year Tom is faced with a difficult decision. While company sales are approaching an all time high, Harry’s combative

management style is negatively affecting company morale, and Dick has not closed a sale in six months. What is Tom to do?

**B. Christian Solution** courtesy of Kurt Senske's, "Executive Values, A Christian Approach to Organizational Leadership," Augsburg Books, 2003, Minneapolis, MN.

- V. Breakout Session**
- VI. Group Sharing**
- VII. Announcements**
- VIII. Closing Prayer**

**Next month's breakfast meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 16. For the rest of 2009, the breakfast meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of every month except in July. A wine and cheese tasting event will replace the July breakfast meeting. Stay tuned for more details.**