

FRANCE:

Organized by Jérôme LaCaille and joined by their spiritual advisor, Bishop Antoine de Romanet, CAPP-France held a one-day seminar on September 18 at the Catholic University of Paris dedicated to the interior life for business leaders.

The day was inspired by Pope Francis quoting Benedict XVI in *Laudato Si* (No. 217): "‘The external deserts in the world are growing, because internal deserts have become so vast’. For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion.”

Focusing on the importance of the interior life - its urgency, its visible fruits in professional life, and some practical guidelines for instilling it in our daily lives - four very diverse witnesses shared their personal experience: a serial entrepreneur; a business leader who is also President of the Union Libérale Israelite de France; a former drug dealer who converted while in jail, and a former senior civil servant who created a consulting firm.

After placing the day under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, each testimony was followed by a time of silence and reflection proceeding to a round-table discussion characterized by very free and frank expressions on what most struck participants in the testimony offered.

Participants reported the day was very moving and impactful.