



THE UNIVERSITY AND THE CHURCH

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ON
THE OCCASION OF THE IFCU CENTENARY

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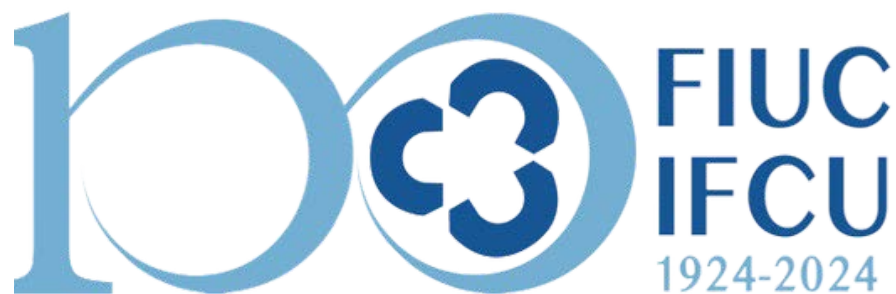
JANUARY 18-19, 2024



IFCU President Michel Falise (1980-91) and Secretary General Lucien Michaud, SJ with Pope Saint John Paul II on the occasion of the presentation of the IFCU administrative Board (1980).

Ex Corde Ecclesiae "... is addressed especially to those who conduct Catholic Universities, to the respective academic communities, to all those who have an interest in them, particularly the Bishops, Religious Congregations and ecclesial Institutions, and to the numerous laity who are committed to the great mission of higher education. Its purpose is that "the Christian mind may achieve, as it were, a public, persistent and universal presence in the whole enterprise of advancing higher culture and that the students of these institutions become people outstanding in learning, ready to shoulder society's heavier burdens and to witness the faith to the world"

Ex Corde Ecclesiae, § 9



*Eminencies, Excellencies,
Dear Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors,
Rectors and Presidents,*

On behalf of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, I would like to thank you for responding to our invitation to participate in this first event organized for the IFCU Centenary.

Our meeting is also the occasion to celebrate the 75th anniversary of IFCU's official recognition by the Holy See. Indeed, on July 29 1949, His Holiness Pope Pius XII signed the Decree of recognition of the International Federation of Catholic Universities.

The theme of our meeting, "The Future of Catholic University on the occasion of the IFCU Centenary" represents a real challenge for our universities and invites us to address, in their entirety, the governance issues facing our institutions. This meeting will provide participants with the opportunity to reflect and share their approaches to the future of our institutions, but also to demonstrate the unity of Catholic universities born at the heart of the Church.

During these two days of meetings we will analyze the challenges facing Catholic universities, in the various contexts in which they operate and in addition to providing food for thought on the governance of our institutions, our meeting will give us the opportunity to explore several topics and give some responses to relevant questions such as the following ones.

What are the contributions of Catholic universities and institutions to the understanding of contemporary cultures? How can we foster with modern cultures in a way that is conducive to the development of individuals and peoples? How can the Christian message help us to better understand, and even enlighten, contemporary cultures? How can we act together and in the Church for a more just and humane world?

During this year 2024 and till the next IFCU General Assembly which will take place in July 2025, in Guadalajara, on the Campus of the Universidad del Valle de Atemajac, we will have several occasions and meetings to know more about the Federation's history, status, organization and expansion, its evolution.

All these events will help to build pride among the membership, on the one hand and, on the other hand, to get a better understanding of the place your institutions occupy, in the world of today and tomorrow.

Welcome to Rome for the IFCU Centenary!

*Isabel Capelo Gil
IFCU President
Rector of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa*



Pope Francis with IFCU President, Isabel Capeloa Gil, and the IFCU Administrative Board on the occasion of the New Frontiers Forum on November 4, 2019.

“...the university has a conscience, but also an intellectual and moral force with responsibility not just for the person to be educated but for the needs of humanity as a whole. The International Federation of Catholic Universities is called to take up the moral imperative of striving to achieve a more united international academic community.”

*Address of his Holiness Pope Francis
to participants at the International Conference
for leaders of Catholic universities:
"New Frontiers for University Leaders.
The Future of Health and the University Ecosystem"*

4 November 2019

PROGRAM

08.30 REGISTRATION

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AULA MAGNA

10.00 WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Isabel CAPELOA GIL, IFCU President and Rector of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Prof. Francesco BONINI, Rector of the LUMSA University (Italy)

10.30 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES, A PLACE FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

H. E. Cardinal José TOLENTINO DE MENDONÇA, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education (Holy See)

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

Sala A. Vetri

11.30 ROUNDTABLE - EX CORDE ECCLESIAE FACING THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21 ST CENTURY

Fr. Dennis HOLTSCHEIDER, President, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities – ACCU (USA)

Msgr. Patrick VALDRINI, Emeritus Rector, Catholic Institute of Paris (France)

Dr. Sophia OPATSKA, Vice Rector, Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine)

Moderator: Dr. Katia PASSERINI, Interim President, Seton Hall University (USA), IFCU Board Member

12.30 BREAK

DAY 1

THURSDAY

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Pope Francis with IFCU President, Pedro Rubens, S.J., (2012-2018), and the participants of the Migrants and Refugees Conference on November 4, 2017.

“Through teaching and research, a Catholic University offers an indispensable contribution to the Church. In fact, it prepares men and women who, inspired by Christian principles and helped to live their Christian vocation in a mature and responsible manner, will be able to assume positions of responsibility in the Church. Moreover, by offering the results of its scientific research, a Catholic University will be able to help the Church respond to the problems and needs of this age.”

Ex Corde Ecclesiae, §31

AULA GIUBILEO

DAY 1
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14.30 BRINGING OUT OF OUR STOREROOM TREASURES NEW AND OLD (MT 13:52): THE CATHOLIC TRADITION AS A SOURCE OF INNOVATION IN RESEARCH

Prof. Helen ALFORD, OP, President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (Holy See), Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Pontificia Università San Tommaso (PUST)

15.00 COFFEE BREAK

Sala A. Vetri

15.30 ROUNDTABLE - IFCU, A LEGACY OF ACADEMIC DIPLOMACY AND SOCIETAL ENGAGEMENT

Prof. Franco ANELLI, Rector, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)

Rev. John I. JENKINS, CSC, President, University of Notre Dame (USA)

Fr. Pedro RUBENS, SJ, Rector, Catholic University of Pernambuco (Brazil), IFCU President (2012-2018)

Dr. Thérèse LEBRUN, Deputy President of the Catholic University of Lille (France)

Moderator: Dr. Fernando SANCHEZ CAMPOS, IFCU Vice-President, Rector of the Catholic University of Costa Rica (Costa Rica)

19.00 EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION PRESIDED BY H. EXC. MSGR. VINCENZO ZANI

Archivist and Librarian of the Holy Roman Church
Church of Saint-Louis-des-Français

19.30 COCKTAIL DINNER

Cloister of the Church of Saint-Louis-des-Français



“The responsibility for maintaining and strengthening the Catholic identity of the University rests primarily with the University itself. While this responsibility is entrusted principally to university authorities (including, when the positions exist, the Chancellor and/or a Board of Trustees or equivalent body), it is shared in varying degrees by all members of the university community, and therefore calls for the recruitment of adequate university personnel, especially teachers and administrators, who are both willing and able to promote that identity. The identity of a Catholic University is essentially linked to the quality of its teachers and to respect for Catholic doctrine. It is the responsibility of the competent Authority to watch over these two fundamental needs in accordance with what is indicated in Canon Law (49).”

Ex Corde Ecclesiae, Article 4. §1

10.00 PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE HOLY FATHER
SALA DEL CONSISTORO DEL PALAZZO APOSTOLICO

AULA DELLA CONGREGAZIONE DELLA
CURIA GENERALIZIA DELLA COMPAGNIA DI GESÙ
BORGO S. SPIRITO - ROME

HISTORY, LEGACY AND PERSPECTIVES:
THE ROLE OF A NETWORK OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES
IN RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

SPECIAL EVENT PROPOSED BY
THE UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE

DAY 2
FRIDAY
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How to reframe the collective idea of the founders toward the next hundred years of the Federation? Which role does a network of catholic universities play in developing research, considering the centrality and continuity of the international perspective?

11.30 INSTITUTIONAL REMARKS

Prof. Franco ANELLI, Rector, University of the Sacred Heart (Italy)

11.40 INTRODUCTION

Prof. Isabel CAPELOA GIL, IFCU President and Rector of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa

11.50 DISCUSSION

Prof. Yoshiaki TERUMICHI, President, Sophia University (Japan)

Prof. Lilian FERRER, Vice President for International Affairs, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Prof. Jan WOUTERS, Full Professor of International Law, KU Leuven, (Belgium)

Prof. Aaron DOMINGUEZ, Provost, Catholic University of America (USA)

Prof. Peter HANENBERG, Vice Rector for Research and Innovation, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

12.50 CONCLUSIONS

Prof. Pier Sandro COCCONCELLI, Vice-Rector of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)

13.00 PAUSE



"Education is not about knowing things or taking lessons but about being able to use three lingos: those of the head, the heart, and the hands... learning so that you can think about what you feel and do, can feel what you think and do, and can do what you feel and think. Unity within a person."

*Pope Francis' Address on the occasion of the inauguration of the offices of
"Scholas Occurrentes" in Palazzo San Calisto, 9 June 2017*

DAY 2

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14.15 WORKSHOP N°1: MODELS OF GOVERNANCE AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES: CHANCELLORS, RECTORS, PRESIDENTS AND BOARDS

Sala Pia

Hon. Martin DAUBNEY AM KC., Chancellor, Australian Catholic University (Australia)

Dr. Ignacio SANCHEZ, Rector, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Dr. Maria del Rosario SAEZ YUGUERO, Rector, Universidad Católica de Ávila (Spain)

Moderator: Dr. Lara KARAM BOUSTANY, former Rector of La Sagesse University (Lebanon), IFCU Board Member

14.15 WORKSHOP N°2: THE PLACE OF THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION IN TODAY'S UNIVERSITY

Aula Giubileo

Rev. Stephen MORGAN, IFCU Vice President, Rector of the University of Saint Joseph (Macao, China)

Prof. Sigrid MUELLER, Institute of Systematic Theology and Ethics, University of Vienna (Austria)

Dr. Fr. Joseph C C, CMI, Vice Chancellor of Christ University (India)

Fr. Salim DACCACHE, S.J., Rector of the Université Saint Joseph de Beyrouth (Lebanon)

Moderator: Fr. Prof. Željko TANJIC, PhD, Rector of the Catholic University of Croatia (Croatia), IFCU Board Member

15.45 COFFEE BREAK

Sala A. Vetri

16.15 ROUNDTABLE: THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

Fr. Sali AUGUSTINE, S.J., Chancellor of Sophia University (Japan)

Rev. Prof. Stephen MBUGUA NGARI, IFCU Vice President, Vice Chancellor of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (Kenya)

Ing. Rodolfo GALLO CORNEJO, President of ODU CAL and Rector of Catholic University of Salta (Argentina)

Dr. Maria Amalia ANDERY, Rector of the PUC-São Paulo (Brazil)

Moderator: Dr. François MABILLE, IFCU Secretary General

17.30 EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION PRESIDED BY H. E. CARDINAL JOSÉ TOLENTINO DE MENDONÇA

Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education (Holy See)

Church of Sant'Antonio dei Portoghesi

18.30 CONCERT

Church of Sant'Antonio dei Portoghesi

19.30 DINNER

Villa Lusa, Portuguese Embassy to the Holy See



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