

## COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS OF ICUSTA

As I indicate in our ICUSTA Newsletter #2 2013, I had more news than I could possibly include in any one newsletter. Rather than delay circulating good news, I decided to send another Newsletter so as not overburden the internet with too many attachments in one Newsletter. I accordingly share the following news items with my colleague ICUSTA members and friends.

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### NEWS FROM ICUSTA

#### "ICUSTA DIRECTORY- April 4 2013"

I have attached the latest ICUSTA Directory for your review. Kindly let me know of any inaccuracies or changes that you may wish me to make in order to make our Directory as perfect as it can be---at least for a week or so. It seems that change is a weekly occurrence as far as keeping our Directory accurate is concerned. Nevertheless one seeks perfection.

From time to time I come across an item that I believe merits a wider circulation. Dr. John Ozolins, the long-time representative of Australian Catholic University to ICUSTA is the editor of ETHICS EDUCATION. In the latest edition of the journal published in the fall of 2012 Dr. Ozolins authored an article that merits wider distribution. The title of his article is "What makes a Catholic University Catholic." His article is thought provoking and well worth reading. Since it is definitely related to our 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial meeting and comes close after our Conference on Secularization held at ICES last October, I thought it would stimulate thought and discussion among our colleagues which would perhaps carry over to our June session. I have attached Dr. Ozolins article for your review---I think it is a good timely read.

I have also included an update roster and a few changes noted in the Common Syllabus for the Fall ICUSTA Online course. We have now finalized our course and added our last institution, STU Canada, and the faculty member who will be teaching his module for our course on Globalization. He is Dr Jaime Gilles and he will be presenting his module "Counterhegemonic Globalization and the Music Industry" the last week of November 2013. I have attached the updated version of the common course syllabus.

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### NEWS FROM ICUSTA MEMBERS

#### ETHIOPIA

##### "Ethiopian Catholic University of St Thomas Aquinas" (ECUSTA)

Our new friends at ECUSTA who recently graduated their first class, are now in the process of constructing new facilities. They are making great progress and have shared a news brief with their colleagues. The news brief is attached. Congratulations to our colleagues at ECUSTA for the excellent progress they have made in their brief history.

#### SPAIN

##### "Universidad Catolica de Avila"

UCAV has introduced a new program to provide extensive language preparation in German to enable interested students to be certified in that language. The program will offer a certificate "The Camara de

Comercio Alemana” from UCAV which should open doors for possible employment of UCAV students seeking job opportunities in Germany. The program began in January 2013.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

“The University of St Thomas Aquinas: call for papers!”

The Center for Thomistic Studies and the John Paul II Forum will be host for the First US Conference of the Pontifical Academic of St Thomas Aquinas at the University of St Thomas on October 18 and 19 2013. The Conference will explore the significance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of Aquinas’ teaching on humanity. Is it still meaningful to talk about “humanity” or “inhumanity”? What challenges do evolution, eugenics and the trans-humanist movement present for a concept of “humanity”? Is the “human” a viable standard in a world with many cultures and traditions? Papers are solicited on these and related topics. Papers should be 12 pages in length for a 45 minute presentation. Please submit papers directly to: [thomistic\\_center@stthom.edu](mailto:thomistic_center@stthom.edu) Deadline for the receipt of papers is July 1, 2013. Direct any inquiries to Dr Mary Catherine Sommers, at [sommers@stthom.edu](mailto:sommers@stthom.edu)

#### ZIMBABWE

“Catholic University of Zimbabwe” (CUZ)

Archbishop Fradereck Chiromba, the Secretary-General of the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops Conference announced on January 29 2013 the appointment of Professor Ranga Zinyemba as the new Rector of CUZ. Professor Ranga has worked at CUZ in a number of capacities as lecturer and in academic and student administrative positions. He has also taught at a number of Canadian and American Universities as a visiting professor. Dr Zinyemba has his MA from the University of Sheffield, his MPhil from the University of Waterloo in Canada; and his Ph.D in Philosophy from the University of Alberta, Canada. He has served at CUZ since 1982. He has a number of publications in organizational development and assessment and planning. We congratulate DR. Zinyemba and welcome him to ICUSTA as the new CUZ leader. You may contact the new President of CUZ at [ranga.zinyemba@gmail.com](mailto:ranga.zinyemba@gmail.com)

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#### COLLEAGUES:

After these two newsletters, there will be a pause in activity from your central office. That is, until the translations are available for dissemination of items considered germane to our June Biennial meeting in France. There will be three important documents forthcoming in both English and Spanish. They are: The completely revised ICUSTA By-Laws; the agenda for the ICUSTA Business Meeting; and the ICUSTA Proposed Budget for 2014 and 2015. Watch for these documents to arrive later in April. In the interim, you will be receiving final registration materials from ICES. Hope to see you all in France in June, it should be a memorable event, as have all of our ten previous general assemblies.

God bless, prayers and regards,

DR Joe Mc Fadden  
Executive Director ICUSTA