

SANTA CRUCE

PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION



SPECIAL MID-YEAR UPDATE & REPORT

This report and special update is intended especially for you; because you are a loyal and generous supporter of the work of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. We provide this special report to:

1. Thank you,
2. Demonstrate our stewardship and accountability,
3. Ask for your prayers for the students, faculty, and staff of the university,
4. To provoke your questions, comments, and recommendations for our continued efforts.



New Student Orientation



Fr. Martin Schlag
Director of the MCE Research Center

THE PAST FIVE YEARS

- Since 2013, 730 priests and future priests have come to study at the university.
- Markets Culture and Ethics Research Center (MCE, founded 2009) has made great strides in the past 5 years. The Center studies the ethical aspects of economic and social life in a systematic and scientific way, in the light of Catholic reason and faith. They developed a course titled “Management for Ecclesiastics” which has filled a void in this important area. They also regularly publish books to make their research accessible to others studying these issues from a Catholic perspective.
- Center for Priestly Formation (founded 2009) develops various aspects of the life and mission of priests, with interdisciplinary courses to help form current and future priests. For the past four years, CPF has held week-long summer workshops for priests in Latin America. In 2015 they held workshops in Mexico focusing on confession and spiritual direction. In Guadalajara, over 650 parish priests attended the workshops. They are also developing a website to make free resources available to priests around the world.



Fr. Paul O'Callaghan
Director of the Center for Priestly Formation
Professor of Theology

- *Santa Croce* alumni use their knowledge and experience as spiritual leaders in their dioceses in 75 countries on five continents.
- Fifty-one bishops from around the world have been alumni of *Santa Croce*. 43 percent, or twenty-two men, were appointed bishops within the past 5 years. Our leadership impact continues to grow.
- *Santa Croce* is currently establishing the Program of Church Management to begin in 2018. This is partially an outgrowth of the work of MCE and with input from business leaders as well as the Vatican.

TESTIMONIALS

In the words of students, priests, bishops, and faculty, here are some examples of the impacts of the formation and education being provided through *Santa Croce*:



Viytus Naameh, (Ghana)
Theology

“The majority of people in the area of my diocese are Muslim. The challenge we face of bringing the faith to people is what motivated me to embrace the formation offered in Rome.”



“Evangelization today is an evangelization in a world that has been Christian, but is not Christian anymore, and that is difficult. So we have to prepare priests for the new evangelization in a new context, not only of globalization, but a post-Christian modernity. That is why we need a different kind of preparation because things are not as they were before.”
Fr. Philip Goyret, Professor of Theology

“The experience of the years spent at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross has particularly helped me to collaborate in the organization of permanent training activities in various dioceses throughout the country.”

Fr. Paulin Sabuy Sanangu (Congo)
PhD Philosophy 1998



Bishop Paulinus Ezeokafor (Awka, Nigeria)
PhD Theology 1996

“I want to express my appreciation for having the opportunity to study at a university that so strongly believes in and maintains the traditions of the Catholic Church.”



Michael Holmquist (Colorado, USA)
Theology

“Christ and His call to holiness are central to all our studies – giving us a rock-solid theological foundation. The professors live this out, approaching their teaching with the same seriousness.”

CONSTANT INFLUX OF NEW STUDENTS

After over 25 years of service to the Church, the demand for the program and services of *Santa Croce* continues unabated. Our challenge is to turn no worthy candidate away, and unfortunately that is sometimes the case when we don't have the needed funds.

DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN THE UNITED STATES

We are working hard to develop a broad base of supporters who understand the unique and universal value of *Santa Croce*. The efforts must be consistent and persistent, especially in the United States where there is, as you know, extraordinary competition for charitable gifts particularly within the Catholic Church. It takes a unique donor, like yourself, who can see beyond the parish, diocese, and country, and, in the process, take a global view of the entire Church and the needs of the universal mystical body of Christ. Through select mailing and calling programs we are striving to create a broader base of donors across the United States. We are also in the process of developing a national foundation board to help extend our reach into the Catholic community across the United States.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please share with us your comments, suggestions for our growth, your questions, and prayer intentions. We would love to hear from you. You can do so by:

- Calling
- Emailing
- Writing us



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WE WILL REACH OUT TO YOU

To be sure that you received this special mid-year report, and to hear your thoughts and answer your questions, we will be reaching out to you by phone or email. These are not solicitation calls for gifts, but calls to help build our relationships and to get better at what we are trying to do for *Santa Croce*.



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