

SANTA CROCE

PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION



A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Because you are a loyal supporter of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, we are sending this special report with some highlights of this academic year. We have a new rector, a new Grand Chancellor, and an exciting new Program of Church Management. Of course, we have new students as well – including those you and other generous donors have helped to sponsor. While there are always new ways that *Santa Croce* can assist the universal church in spreading the Gospel, there is one thing that will never change – the centrality of Jesus Christ as expressed in faithfulness to the magisterium.

We are working hard to develop a broad base of supporters who understand the unique 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.

Our academic year-end report is one more way to reach out with information and to encourage you in your good work. It is also an opportunity to build stronger relationships in order to accomplish our common goals of saving souls and giving glory to God.

On behalf of all the seminarians and priests who are assisted through your generosity, I extend their heartfelt gratitude.



José Delgado,
President, PUHC Foundation

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018 SPECIAL REPORT



Msgr. Fernando Ocariz Braña, Grand Chancellor of *Santa Croce*, at the Inaugural Mass of the Academic Year. October 2017.



First students of the Program for Church Management. Classes began in February 2018.



Speakers for the course on “Great Religious Traditions.” January-March 2018.



Students attending the course “Introduction to a Fruitful Participation of the Celebration of the Eucharist.” October-December 2017.

OUR AMERICAN IMPACT

Although our Foundation exists to assist seminarians and priests from poor countries, the impact of a *Santa Croce* education for students from the United States is also extraordinary. Our American priests learn to look past the cultural viewpoint of a single country to experience the universal nature of the Church. Forming friendships with students from poor countries strengthens their vocations. Here two American priests who are outstanding examples of the difference *Santa Croce* can make.



*“Santa Croce took my love for learning, research, writing, and evangelization to a much higher level, and truly broadened my horizons. **Surrounded by selfless fellow students from every continent on earth, and with the***

daily interaction with generous and knowledgeable professors, I learned a very valuable lesson: the more you learn, the more you realize you don’t know.”

*Fr. Rocky Hoffman
CEO and Executive Director of
Relevant Radio®
Green Bay, Wisconsin*



“During my time at Santa Croce I was always struck by the pervasive love of the Church among the professors, the way the entire student body had recourse to the chapel, and the individual care the administration and staff

*had toward the students. In my role now as rector of a major seminary, I could not have asked for a better preparation and example. **Priestly formation must be done with the mind and heart of the Church and I encountered both at Santa Croce.”***

*Msgr. Andrew Baker
Rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary
Emmitsburg, Maryland*

GRATITUDE FROM THREE PRIESTS YOU HELPED TO SPONSOR



“May the Lord bless your kindness and generosity. May He who knows the heart of men multiply the fruits of your efforts and grant peace for you and for all your family.”

*Fr. Juan Gabriel Martinez,
El Salvador*



“I lack words to express gratitude to donors. If not for their generosity, I would not have been able to continue studying. I sincerely thank them and encourage them not to give up.”

*Fr. Guy Noël Kouankam,
Cameroon*

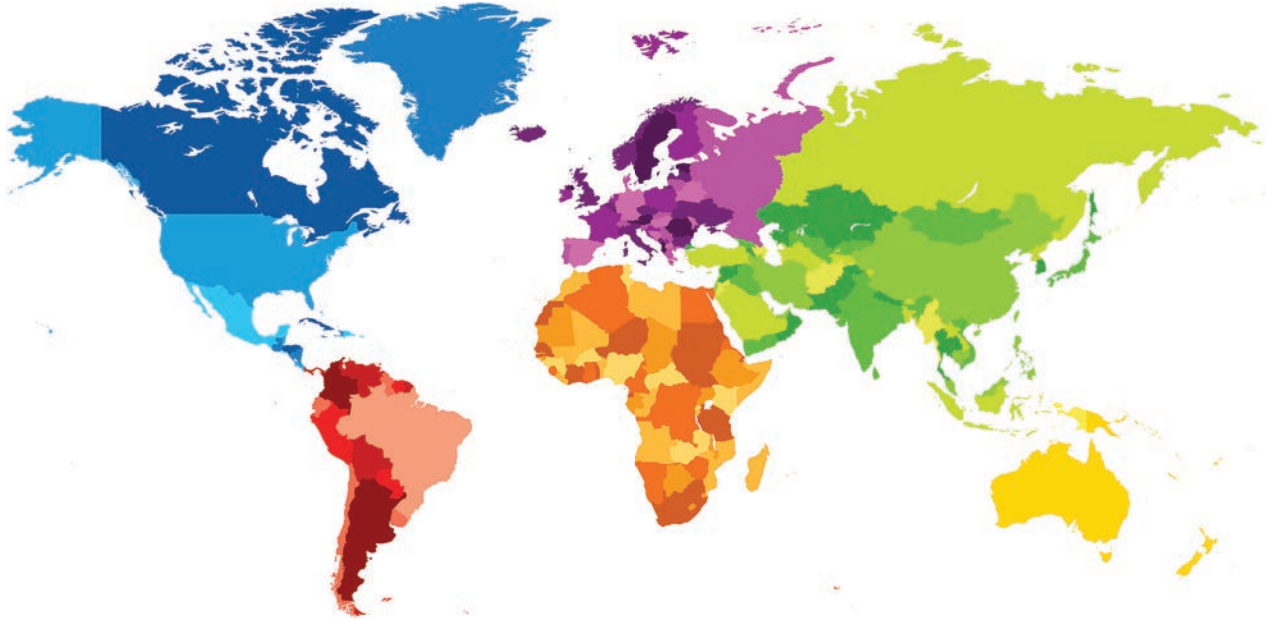


“There are many protestant sects in Brazil whose way of living the faith is at times extreme and at others relaxed. These influences can enter the Catholic community, so our task is to form Catholics firm in the faith.”

*Fr. José Coquito,
Brazil*

FROM ALL THE WORLD – TO ALL THE WORLD

Our students this academic year come from 86 countries. Bishops want to send their “best and brightest” to *Santa Croce* to become leaders in their diocese – and often beyond. However, they can’t do this without our help. It takes a unique donor, like yourself, to take a global view of the entire Church and the needs of the universal mystical body of Christ. Our challenge is to turn no worthy candidate away, and unfortunately that is sometimes the case when we don’t have the needed funds.



Albania	Ecuador	Latvia	Rwanda
Argentina	El Salvador	Lebanon	Slovakia
Australia	Estonia	Lesotho	Slovenia
Austria	Finland	Liberia	South Africa
Benin	France	Lithuania	South Korea
Bolivia	Germany	Madagascar	Spain
Brazil	Ghana	Malawi	Sri Lanka
Burkina-Faso	Great Britain	Malta	Swaziland
Burundi	Guatemala	Mexico	Sweden
Cameroon	Haiti	Netherlands	Switzerland
Canada	Honduras	New Zealand	Tanzania
Central African Republic	Hungary	Nicaragua	Togo
Chile	India	Nigeria	Uganda
China	Indonesia	Palestine	Ukraine
Colombia	Iraq	Panama	United States
Costa Rica	Ireland	Paraguay	Uruguay
Croatia	Italy	Peru	Venezuela
Cuba	Ivory Coast	Philippines	Vietnam
Czech Republic	Japan	Poland	Zambia
Democratic Rep. of the Congo	Kazakhstan	Portugal	
Dominican Rep.	Kenya	Romania	
	Kosovo	Russia	

TRAINING FUTURE LEADERS TO SERVE THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH
from the heart of Rome

A WORD FROM OUR RECTOR

Our University has many strengths, such as the ability to deepen the relationship between the world and the Church, between the Church and civil society, or present the function of the laity in the Church and in society, and to be able to bring forward cutting-edge research on the family and marriage.

Increased scientific research and a greater interdisciplinary approach will bring substantial results in this sense, and in these areas we must engage and accept the challenge.

But, most of all among the things I mentioned, I would say that these goals will not be viable unless we put the Eucharist and Christ at the center of our lives and also at the center of the university, because you cannot give to others if you are not centered in the Eucharist.



Fr. Luis Navarro,
Rector, *Santa Croce*

WE WILL REACH OUT TO YOU... WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To be sure that you received this special report, and to hear your thoughts and answer your questions, we will be reaching out to you by phone or e-mail. 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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