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Dear President,

I wish to inform you that the candidacy of Sacred Heart College was submitted to the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, in Rome, on September 23, 2016.

I am very pleased to announce officially that the institution you preside is now an IFCU affiliate as *Member*, classified in Category B. With our sincere congratulations, we hope that this commitment constitutes the beginning of a long lasting and fruitful collaboration between Sacred Heart College and the Federation. In this respect, I believe it would be very interesting if we could organize a Skype meeting in order to get acquainted and see how we can work together.

On a separate cover, you will receive a copy of the *Statutes*, a list of our affiliates and other useful documents. Among them, a copy of the book *Sciat Vt Serviat*, published on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of the IFCU foundation, as well as a publication on the history of IFCU and a booklet exposing the results of our global survey on youth cultures.

I seize this opportunity to invite you to participate in the activities organized by IFCU. Our next General Assembly will take place in July 2018 at St Patrick's College (Maynooth, Ireland). In the meantime, other opportunities will be proposed to the membership, these are aimed at stimulating interaction between colleagues all over the world in order to open dialogue on our identity and the mission carried out by our universities, while ensuring within the Federation an extensive network of cooperation. I believe you should consider sending professors to some of the meetings of our Sectorial Groups. Also, I take this opportunity to inform you that we will in the near future launch a training department.

I draw your attention on the fact that our Federation issues a weekly electronic news bulletin in IFCU's three official languages (English, French and Spanish). This tool of contact, with colleagues all over the world, can be interesting and useful only if the information is properly distributed. In this regard, I would be grateful if you could provide us with the email addresses at which you wish the electronic bulletin to be sent. This information should be sent directly to Loïc Roche, Head of IFCU Information and Communication Service: loic.roche@bureau.fiuc.org. Furthermore, it is always useful to consult our website (www.fiuc.org).

Our communication system is based on regular contact with our members, so one of our main objectives is to make this exchange as interactive as possible. The information given covers various topics inherent to Catholic universities worldwide (special events, projects, programs, publications, activities of the Federation) and Sacred Heart College Is, in exchange, invited to provide information on its activities. I would like to inform you that, in the near future, information and a special link to your university will appear in the *Members section* of the IFCU website.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you personally in a near future, I send you my most sincere and fraternal good wishes.



Prof. François Mabile,
IFCU General Secretary.

Paris, October 12, 2016.

Enclosures.