



28TH IFCU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JULY 28TH - AUGUST 1ST, 2025

GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MÉXICO

HOST UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSIDAD DEL VALLE DE ATEMAJAC
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

PROGRAM

10.00 **REGISTRATIONS**
UNIVA - SUM Lobby

UNIVA - AUDITORIUM SUM

13.30 **DEPARTURE FROM RIU, WESTIN, AND INDIGO HOTELS TO UNIVA**

15.00 **OPENING CEREMONY**
Dr. Isabel CAPELOA GIL, IFCU President, Rector of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa - Portugal
Fr. Francisco RAMIREZ YANEZ, Rector of the UNIVA System - Mexico
S. E. Cardinal José Francisco ROBLES ORTEGA, Archbishop of Guadalajara - Mexico
S. E. Cardinal José Tolentino DE MENDONCA, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education - Holy See

16.30 **INAUGURAL CONFERENCE - THE ACADEMIC DIPLOMACY**
Keynote speakers:
H. Exc. Msgr. Richard GALLAGHER, Secretary for Relations with States - Holy See

Commentators:
Msgr. Joseph SPITERI, Apostolic Nuncio in Mexico - Holy See
Dr. Miriam CORONEL FERRER, former Chief Negotiator in the Philippine peace process and member of the United Nations Senior Mediation Advisors Standby Team - Philippines
Dr. François MABILLE, IFCU Secretary General

Moderator: Rev'd Dr. Stephen MORGAN, Rector, University of Saint Joseph, IFCU Vice-President- Macao, SAR

17.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
UNIVA - SUM Lobby

17.30 **OFFICIAL PHOTO OF THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

18.00 **EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**
UNIVA - SUM Lobby

19.00 **COCKTAIL DINNER OFFERED BY THE UNIVA**
SUM Esplanade

20.30 **DEPARTURE FROM UNIVA TO HOTELS**

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The Learning visit titled “The Catholic University of Business and Innovation: Building Synergies for Educational and Social Impact” will bring together academic, governmental, and corporate leaders. The first part features presentations on institutional support for educational innovation by the Jalisco Ministry of Innovation, the FARO project as a successful university-government linkage model by UNIVA, and a testimony by Ángel Román González, a former student and founder of Augem Technologies. The second part consists of a roundtable discussion on strengthening collaboration between universities, businesses, and innovation, featuring representatives from Valmex México, the University of Guadalajara, and the Jalisco government.

08.20	DEPARTURE FROM RIU, WESTIN, AND INDIGO HOTELS TO UNIVA UNIVA - AUDITORIUM SUM
09.00	LEARNING VISIT WITH THE SECRETARIAT FOR INNOVATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY (SICYT)
11.00	COFFEE BREAK - SUM Lobby
11.30	PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES - SUM Auditorium
12.55	MESSAGE FROM SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE - IFCU GA SPONSOR John Ross, Executive Director
13.00	LUNCH - SUM Esplanade
14.00	START OF ONLINE VOTING: IFCU PRESIDENCY AND ELECTION OF THE HOST UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2028 ASSEMBLY
14.00	CONFERENCE - THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AS A DRIVER OF SOCIAL IMPACT Keynote Speaker Dr. Wayne VISSER, Fellow at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership and Professor of Practice at Católica Porto Business School - United Kingdom Respondents Dr. Margarida MANO, Vice-Rector for Quality, Innovation, and Development, Universidade Católica Portuguesa - Portugal Prof. Miki SUGIMURA, President, Sophia University - Japan Dr. Anne KIBOI, Dean, School of Business and Economics, Catholic University of East Africa - Kenya Moderator: Dr. Katia PASSERINI, President, Gonzaga University, IFCU Board Member - USA
15.30	COFFEE BREAK - SUM Lobby
16.00	NETWORKING - Building 4 - Ground Floor
17.30	WORKSHOP 1 - CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES AND THE BUSINESS WORLD: INSPIRING EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION Building 4 - Ground Floor Eng. Patrick SCAUFLAIRE, President-Rector, Université Catholique de Lille - France Dr. David SYLVESTER, President, University of St. Michael's College - Canada Dr. Elena BECCALLI, Rector, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, President of the Federation of European Catholic Universities - Italy Moderator: Nicolas VERGIER, IFCU Partnership Manager
17.30	WORKSHOP 2 - THE FINANCING OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE IBEROAMERICAN WORLD SUM Auditorium Fr. Secilio ESPINAL ESPINAL, Rector, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra - Dominican Republic Dr. Juan José ETXEBERRIA SAGASTUME, S.J., Rector, Universidad de Deusto - Spain Br.Manuir MENTGES, Rector, PUC Rio Grande Do Sul - Brazil Moderator: Dr. Marleni SANTOS, Rector, Universidad Católica de Honduras Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz - Honduras
19.00	EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION - UNIVA Chapel
19.30	MEXICAN DINNER - Sum Esplanade
20.30	DEPARTURE FROM UNIVA TO HOTELS

DAY 3

WEDNESDAY

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JULY

07.50 **DEPARTURE FROM RIU, WESTIN, AND INDIGO HOTELS TO UNIVA**

08.00 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

UNIVA Chapel

UNIVA - AUDITORIUM SUM

09.00 **ROUND TABLE - THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND THE EXPERIENCE OF FAITH AND CULTURE.**

Br. Hernan SANTOS, President, Bethlehem University - Palestine

Dr. Pedro Rubens FERREIRA DE OLIVEIRA, S.J., Rector, Universidade Católica de Pernambuco - Brazil

P. Gilbert B. SALES, CICM, President, St. Louis University, Baguio - Philippines

Moderator: Fr. Željko TANJIC, Rector, Catholic University of Croatia, IFCU Board Member

10.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

SUM Lobby

10.30 **ROUND TABLE - CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR EDUCATION**

Fr. Luis Fernando MUNERA CONGOTE, S.J., Rector, Universidad Javeriana - Colombia

Fr. Joseph CC, Vice-Chancellor, Christ Deemed to be University - India

Fr. Pablo TIONG, O.P, Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, University of Santo Tomas - Philippines

Moderator: Eng. Rodolfo GALLO CORNEJO, Rector, Universidad Católica de Salta - Argentina

12.00 **CULTURAL EXCURSION WITH LUNCH IN TEQUILA**

This excursion includes a visit to the oldest distillery in Latin America, La Rojeña, with a tour of the "Reserva de la Familia" cellar, a tasting of 3 Linea Dobel or 1800 glasses, a taquiza buffet lunch, access to the bar and a Mariachi performance.

14.00 **CLOSING OF ONLINE VOTING: IFCU PRESIDENCY AND ELECTION OF THE HOST UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2028 ASSEMBLY**

15.00 **START OF THE SECOND ROUND OF ONLINE VOTING: IFCU PRESIDENCY AND ELECTION OF THE HOST UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2028 ASSEMBLY**

If no candidate for the presidency or for the organization of the 2028 IFCU General Assembly obtains a majority of the votes cast in the first round, a second round will be held; if there are more than two candidates, the names of the two candidates who obtained the highest number of votes in the first round will be presented.

16.30 **DEPARTURE FROM TEQUILA TO HOTELS**

18.00 **FREE EVENING**

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07.50	DEPARTURE FROM RIU, WESTIN, AND INDIGO HOTELS TO UNIVA
UNIVA - SUM	
09.00	IFCU ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
10.30	COFFEE BREAK SUM Lobby
11.00	IFCU ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
12.00	LUNCH SUM Esplanade
13.30	PANEL - AMAZONIA AND LAUDATO SI Panelists: Fr. Anderson PEDROSO, S.J., Rector, PUC Rio, ODUCAL President - Brazil Fr. Fernando Clemente PONCE LEÓN, S.J., Rector, PUCE, AUSJAL President - Ecuador Dr. Julio DEL VALLE, Rector, PUCP - Peru Moderator: Dr. Fernando SANCHEZ CAMPOS, Rector, Universidad Católica de Costa Rica, IFCU Vice-President, Costa Rica
15.00	COFFEE BREAK SUM Lobby
15.00	CONCLUSION OF THE SECOND ROUND OF ONLINE VOTING: FIUC PRESIDENCY AND ELECTION OF THE HOST UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2028 ASSEMBLY
15.30	PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE
16.00	START OF ONLINE VOTING FOR IFCU VICE-PRESIDENTS
17.00	TRANSFER TO THE TEMPLO EXPIATORIO
18.00	EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION Templo Expiatorio
18.50	TRANSFER TO MANSIÓN MAGNOLIA
19.15	GALA DINNER HOSTED BY THE IFCU PRESIDENT Award Ceremony Ex Corde Ecclesiae Medal Sciat Vt Serviat Prize Centenary Prize Mansión Magnolia
00.00	DEPARTURE FROM MANSIÓN MAGNOLIA TO HOTELS

DAY 5

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AUGUST

The Intel learning visit will offer participants a firsthand experience of academia-industry collaboration. It will begin with a talk by Intel leaders and Father Francisco Ramírez Yáñez, Rector of the UNIVA System, on the company's innovation ecosystem and educational partnerships, such as internships, research programs, and university shuttle initiatives. Collaborations with institutions like Tec de Monterrey and CINVESTAV will be showcased. Participants will then split into guided groups to tour Intel's laboratories, while others attend a Q&A session. The visit will conclude with an official group photo, reflecting a meaningful engagement between the Catholic academic world and leading tech industry stakeholders.

09.10	DEPARTURE FROM RIU, WESTIN, INDIGO, AND UNIVA HOTELS TO INTEL
10.00	LEARNING VISIT - INTEL
12.00	TRANSFER INTEL - UNIVA
13.00	LUNCH SUM Esplanade
SUM AUDITORIUM	
14.30	ROUND TABLE - CHOREOGRAPHERS OF RESEARCH AND ETHICS Participants: Prof. Josep M. GARRELL, President of the European University Association (EUA) Dr. Aaron DOMINGUEZ, Executive Vice President and Provost, Catholic University of America - USA Dr. Rocío SALINAS, Researcher UNIVA - Mexico Moderator: Dr. Francisco José GÓMEZ ORTIZ, Universidad Católica de Colombia, IFCU Board Member
15.30	COFFEE BREAK SUM Lobby
16.00	CONCLUSION OF ONLINE VOTING FOR IFCU VICE-PRESIDENTS - PUBLICATION OF RESULTS
16.00	WORKSHOP 1 - CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: A PLACE OF CREATIVITY AND KNOWLEDGE Building 4 - Ground Floor Participants: Dr. Álvaro BARBOSA, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Academic Affairs, University of Saint Joseph - Macao SAR Dr. Martin ANAGBOSO, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Madonna University - Nigeria Dr. Louis Patrick LEROUX, President, Université Saint Paul - Canada Moderator: Dr. Ilaria HOPPE, Dean of Studies, Catholic Private University of Linz - Austria
16.00	WORKSHOP 2 - THE CHALLENGE OF PRESERVING ACADEMIC FREEDOM Sum Auditorium Participants: Dr. Taras DOBKO, Rector, Ukrainian Catholic University - Ukraine Leona BINZ, Scholars at Risk - USA Father Ziad MAATOUK, Secretary General, Université Antonine - Lebanon Moderator: Dr. François MABILLE, IFCU Secretary General
17.45	CLOSING
18.00	EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION UNIVA Chapel
18.30	DEPARTURE FROM UNIVA TO HOTELS
19.30	FREE EVENING