
CONFERRAL OF THE HONORAR DEGREE

DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES, honoris causa

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Dr. Michael Galligan-Stierle has devoted his life's work to cultivating and enhancing Catholic higher education and campus culture in both the United States and abroad

Dr. Galligan-Stierle has served as both a national and international leader in Catholic higher education, in part through his mission-driven leadership of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), first as Vice-President from 2006 to 2010, and currently as President, beginning in 2010. The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, a voluntary association founded in 1899, serves as the collective voice of U.S. Catholic higher education. The Association currently represents more than ninety percent of the country's accredited Catholic institutions of higher learning, and twenty-four international universities. During Dr. Galligan-Stierle's leadership, the Association has significantly grown its revenue, staffing, and innovative programming and resources, especially for strengthening an institution's Catholic identity and engaging the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Catholic Social Teaching, reflecting the Association's primary aims: helping member institutions strengthen their Catholic mission and fostering mission-based collaboration among member Catholic colleges and universities.

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