



Cor ad cor
loquitor
Heart speaks to
heart

Saint John Henry Newman
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ON CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES



**... from the heart
of the church...**

John Paul II

Apostolic Constitution, 1990

The Essentials

Institutional commitment of the university community:

Inspire Christian values;

Connect Catholic faith to knowledge and research;

**Embody the Christian message in
a faithfully Catholic way;**

**Serve all in the search for
transcendence and meaning. EcE, 13**



Integration of knowledge

...a *'living union'* of individual organisms dedicated to the search for truth ...

... engaged in a constant effort to determine the relative place and meaning of each of the various disciplines within the context of a vision of the human person...

EcE, 16



Dialogue between faith and reason



promote *dialogue between faith and reason*, so that it can be seen more profoundly how faith and reason bear harmonious witness to the unity of all truth.

EcE, 17

Ethical concerns

...knowledge serves the human person

...concern for *ethical* and *moral implications*
... *in methods and discoveries.*

... priority of the ethical over technical,
of the primacy of the person over things, ...
EcE, 18





Theological perspective

Theology plays a particularly important role in the search for a synthesis of knowledge... It serves all other disciplines...helping investigate... how their discoveries affect individuals and society...

...bringing a perspective... outside the discipline. In turn, interaction with ...other disciplines...offer(s) a better understanding of the world today, making theological research more relevant to current needs.

EcE, 19



**THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD HAVE GREAT
NEED OF YOUR WITNESS AND OF YOUR
CAPABLE, FREE, AND RESPONSIBLE
CONTRIBUTION.**



EcE Conclusion

...when we open our hearts to those who are different, this enables them, while continuing to be themselves, to develop in new ways. The different cultures that have flourished over the centuries need to be preserved, lest our world be impoverished.





... let us be committed to living and teaching the value of respect for others, a love capable of welcoming differences, and the priority of the dignity of every human being over his or her ideas, opinions, practices and even sins.

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