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The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities is pleased to announce that effective August 16, 2010, Dr. Michael Galligan-Stierle assumes the duties of President of the Association upon the retirement of Dr. Richard A. Yanikoski. Dr. Galligan-Stierle is a veteran of forty years in the fields of higher education and campus ministry. He has served for the past four years as the Vice-President of ACCU overseeing conferences, the newsletter, the *Journal of Catholic Higher Education*, and church-university issues.

Before joining ACCU, Dr. Galligan-Stierle served five years as Assistant Secretary for Catholic Higher Education and Campus Ministry at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He holds a Ph.D. in Sacred Scripture, an M.A. in Psychology, and an M.A. in Theology. Since 1970, Dr. Galligan-Stierle has been employed in a variety of higher education settings and Catholic institutions including eight different colleges / universities and the Archdiocese of Miami. Over the course of his career, Dr. Galligan-Stierle has been recognized as an outstanding contributor to Catholic higher education and a national leader in the support, growth, and development of Catholic campus ministry on college / university campuses. The author of dozens of articles, his 2006 book *Gospel on Campus* is considered the authoritative treatment of Catholic campus ministry in the United States. His most recent book, *Promising Practices: Collaboration among Catholic Bishops and University Presidents*, profiles the “good news” that emerges when dioceses and Catholic colleges/universities work together.

The Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University and chairman of the Board of Directors of ACCU, said, “We are delighted and proud to have Dr. Galligan-Stierle represent the presidents of our over 200 institutions. As such, he will represent America’s Catholic universities to the many other national associations of higher education, and to the Catholic Church itself, and will lead our collective efforts to be of service to the world and the church. I and the other members of the Board look forward to working with him to advance the impressive work done by Catholic higher education in the United States.”

Dr. Galligan-Stierle stated, “I am humbled and honored to serve the Association in the footsteps of a century of visionary leaders whose accomplishments have generously served both society and the church. Together with the ACCU board of directors, including nineteen Catholic university presidents, I look forward to working with the great diversity of Catholic colleges and universities in fulfilling John Paul II’s conviction that “a Catholic university is without any doubt one of the best instruments that the Church offers to our age....”

Dr. Galligan-Stierle has been married to Pamela for thirty-two years. They are proud parents of two biological and two adopted children, as well as recent grandparents of two grandsons. A picture of Dr. Galligan-Stierle may be found at: <http://www.accunet.org>.