



## *The Catenians*

### **Joint Media Release**

#### **NEW STUDENT TRAVEL PRIZE FOR ACU NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS**

The Australian National Council of the Catenian Association and the Australian Catholic University today announced the establishing of a new Travel Prize to be awarded within the University's National School of Arts.

To be known as The Catenian Association Arts Travel Prize, the award will be made annually to a high-achieving student enrolled in a degree offered by the National School of Arts. The recipient must be eligible to enrol in the core curriculum unit *Justice and Change in a Global World* offered in the International Core Program in Rome or another international core program location.

To ensure the Prize may be awarded on an annual basis, ACU has developed contingency plans that address the prospect of ongoing international travel restrictions. Specifically, ACU has prepared options that allow Prize recipients to participate in programs that offer comparable learning outcomes in New Zealand and Australia while travel to other locations is not possible.

Regardless of location, the focus remains on learning outcomes focused on Catholic social teaching. Each program includes an immersive experience and offers potential for personal and spiritual growth. In each program location, students participate in community engagement programs through ACU's partnerships with local mission-aligned organisations and Catholic agencies

Speaking from Melbourne, George Kazz, who recently retired as Australian National President of the Catenian Association, said that establishing the prize acknowledged and reciprocated ACU's ongoing and generous support of the Association's mission in Australia.

"The core curriculum unit *Justice and Change in a Global World* offered in the International Core Program, with its potential for personal and spiritual growth and its support of learning outcomes focused on Catholic social teaching, aligns closely with our Catenian mission. By supporting students participating in this Program we not only progress an Association Aim, advancing the interests of young Catholics, but also support ACU's mission", *he said. ENDS.*

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