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Namur, 27 August 2014

Dear members of SECIS,
Dear associates,

We are coming near the annual meeting of SECIS. This year, it takes place in Rome and is combined with the study meeting organized by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People.

Msgr Robinson Wijesinghe, who took part in the meeting of last year in Luxemburg, passed on the message from this Council asking the active participation of our network to the realization of “guidelines for the pastoral care of international students”. You received yesterday from the Council a proposed content of the guidelines.

The board of SECIS, which met at the end of February 2014, focused his attention on the methodology, the objective being to carry out a structured document and not a whole of recommendations. With your help, a preparative document has been send to Rome. A copy of this document is in attachment.

During the SECIS meeting, I suggest to bring together our reflections on “what university chaplains have to do with international students in Europe”. It should be the contribution of SECIS to the study meeting of Vatican which bring together more than 50 representatives appointed by the Episcopal Commissions on human mobility and coming from all over the world.

From a practical point of view, you are expected to arrive in Rome on the evening of **Wednesday 8 October** for the SECIS meeting which shall be held the Thursday 9 October til the end of the afternoon. The study meeting of the Pontifical Council starts Friday 10 October morning.

I ask to the members of SECIS who don't come in Rome to send their reflexions by email to me. It should greatly help those present in Rome to prepare the SECIS contribution to the study meeting.

Program of SECIS meeting

08 October

evening informal meeting (dinner outside?)

09 October

9.00 Short meeting of the board

9.30 Welcome speech by the chairman
News from represented countries

11.00 General Assembly

 Approbation of the annual report 2013

 Financial report and budget for 2014

 Short relationship of activities

 Discharge to administrators

 Election of a woman to the board, new members

 Program for the future

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Preparation of SECIS contribution to the study meeting

 Conclusions and decision for the next annual meeting

I hope this meeting in Rome shall inspire each of us for our job at the service of international students.

Best regards,

Pierre

