

ICUSTA 2019
25th Anniversary Conference

University of St. Thomas

Houston, TX USA

May 22-24, 2019



“Thomism as Culture”



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WELCOME!



Dear ICUSTA Colleagues,

I welcome you with a joyful heart to the University of St. Thomas (Houston, Texas, USA) for the 14th biennial ICUSTA Conference 2019. This is a momentous occasion as we also celebrate the closing of the 25th anniversary year of ICUSTA, our Silver Jubilee. We are united in our embrace of Catholic Higher Education, celebration of Saint Thomas Aquinas, and belief in our search for universal truth through the dialogue between faith and reason. We are also united in our dedication to bringing our efforts to the service of the Human Family.

Our conference theme is “Thomism as Culture.” As the conference unfolds, we are called to ponder how our activities reflect and advocate for the values of Thomism. Our work with students, bi-lateral and multi-lateral exchanges, and institutional relations must reflect such values. The biennial conferences provide important opportunities to renew and invigorate our understanding of Thomism and the ways in which we can project such values in the 21st Century.

You are all most welcome to our vibrant and ever-growing City of Houston and I wish for all of you a productive and enjoyable experience. This 2019 ICUSTA Conference marks a wonderful opportunity to deepen our identity as Catholic universities founded in the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas and to strengthen cooperation among all member universities.

Dr. Richard L. Ludwick
President of the University of St. Thomas
President of ICUSTA



Dear friends,

We are meeting once more for an ICUSTA Biennial Conference. But the host of this 14th general meeting is a very special one: the University of St. Thomas also hosted our second gathering in 1995. For that reason, Houston is the perfect place for concluding the celebrations of ICUSTA's 25th Anniversary.

This commemoration began at the Avila Conference two years ago. Since then, four institutions have become (or have returned) as official members of our network: Sociedad Tomista Argentina, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Universidad FASTA and Universidad del Norte Santo Tomás de Aquino. Other institutions today are observers or candidates. Moreover, we have approved updated By-laws and two new members for the Honor Council. Our communications have improved thanks to a new web site, refreshed newsletters and an institutional channel on YouTube.

ICUSTA's mission has gone ahead in this period with two inter-institutional Solidarity Projects in support of disadvantaged communities in Africa and South America; a new version of the Multidisciplinary Online Course on Globalization; sponsorship to four conferences in different countries and continents; the publication of a commemorative book and the support for another one on Science and Faith. In addition, other ongoing projects will be presented at this Biennial, such as the Thomistic Studies Program and the Disciplinary Forum on Health Sciences.

I hope that during these days in Houston we will share our efforts to illuminate today's culture with the principles of Thomism, and most of all "the pleasure of seeking the truth together" (St. Albert the Great).

Dr. Mauricio Echeverría

Executive Director of ICUSTA



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Program of Events

May 22, 2019 Wednesday

Check-in at Hotel - Doubletree by Hilton (Greenway Plaza)

- 18:00 – 20:00** **Executive Committee Meeting (Plaza Room #3, 20th floor, DoubleTree by Hilton)**
- 20:00 – 22:00** **Dinner for all Conference Participants (Plaza Room #4, 20th floor, Doubletree by Hilton)**
Invocation
Welcome by Dr. Richard L. Ludwick
Brief Overview of Conference Proceedings and Logistics by Local Program Chair, Hans Stockton
Musical Performance by Vawn G. Stearns with Piano Accompaniment by Yan Shen
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May 23, 2019 Thursday

- 08:00** **Shuttle to University of St. Thomas**
- 08:30** **Mass (Chapel of St. Basil)**
- 08:30 Spouses meet Mrs. Ludwick outside of Chapel of St. Basil for excursions.
- 09:45 – 11:00** **Opening Ceremony (Anderson Hall, 103)**
Welcome by Dr. Richard Ludwick
Welcome by Dr. Mauricio Echeverria, Executive Director, ICUSTA
Viewing of ICUSTA Video
Welcome by Fr. Christopher A. Valka, CSB

11:15 – 12:30 Panel 1: Ongoing ICUSTA Activities & Partnerships (Anderson Hall, 103)

“Solidarity Fund: 2018 Projects’ Reports and 2019 New Contest”, David Sanz, Director of International Relations, Universidad Católica de Avila (Spain) and Delphine Lurton, Coordinator of International Bilingual Programs, Universidad San Pablo CEU (Spain).

“ICUSTA Lecturers, AIREs and Thomistic Studies Program”, Mauricio Echeverría, Executive Director, ICUSTA. (Chile)

“Globalization Course: 2018 and 2019 Versions”, Alessandro Mini, Head of International Relations, Universidad Abat Oliba CEU (Spain).

“The Disciplinary Forum on Health Sciences”, Alejandro Campos, Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs, Universidad FASTA (Argentina).

Moderator: David Sanz (Spain)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Athletic & Activity Center)

14:30 – 15:45 Panel 2: Innovation and the ICUSTA Marketplace (Anderson Hall, 103)

“*Programs in Speculative Philosophy and Practical Philosophy*,” Bernard Guéry, Teacher-Researcher, IPC – Facultes Libres de Philosophie et de Psychologie (France).

“*Transform to Impact*,” Roberto Lafontaine, Director of International Projects, Universidad Santo Tomas (Chile).

“The Catholic University of Zimbabwe Entrepreneurship for Impact MBA (E4Impact MBA) in association with the Catholic University of Milan,” Monica Mureriwa, Director Marketin and Public Relations, The Catholic University of Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe).

“*Virtual and Physical Student Mobility within ICUSTA*,” Hans Stockton, Director, Center for International Studies, University of St. Thomas (TX, USA).

Moderator: Hans Stockton

16:00 – 17:30 Panel 3: Reviewing and Renewing a Culture as Thomism (Anderson Hall, 103)

“The Center for Faith & Culture”, Fr. Donald S. Nesti CCSp, University of St. Thomas (TX, USA).

“The Ángel Ayala Institute of Humanities”, Delphine Lurton, Coordinator of International Bilingual Programs, Universidad San Pablo CEU (Spain).

“The John Henry Newman Institute and the Expanded Reason Awards”, Max Bonilla, Coordinator of the Expanded Reason Awards, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria (Spain).

“Main Challenges for Renewing our Culture”, Tracey Rowland, Professor and Researcher, University of Notre Dame (Australia).

Moderator: Lilian Sison

**17:30 – 19:00 Option 1: Coach back to hotel for short rest.
Option 2: Short walk to view the Menil Collection.**

- 19:00** **Board shuttle from hotel to University of St. Thomas**
- 19:30** **Reception (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Athletic & Activity Center)**
Performance by Miriam and Cesar Tello
- 20:00 – 21:30** **Dinner (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Athletic & Activity Center)**
Music by Cesar Tello and Mariam Soto
Welcome by Dr. Richard Ludwick and Invocation
Keynote: Dr. Steven J. Jensen, *“Thomism, the Culture of Life, and the Culture of Death”*

Dr. Steven J. Jensen is Professor of Philosophy and the director of the Center for Thomistic Studies at the University of St. Thomas, Houston Texas. He received his PhD in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. He has written numerous books and articles in the area of ethics, including *Living the Good Life*, *The Human Person*, *Knowing the Natural Law*, and *“The Roots of Transhumanism.”*



- 21:30** **(EOD) Shuttle Transport to Hotel**

May 24, 2019 Friday

- 08:00** **Shuttle to University of St. Thomas**
- 08:30** **Mass (Chapel of St. Basil)**
- 09:45 – 11:45** **Assembly of Delegates (Rectors) (Tatkon Board Room, Malloy Hall)**
Guided by Mauricio Echeverría.
- 09:45 – 11:45** **Meeting of Directors of International Relations Offices (Anderson Hall, 209)**
Guided by Roberto Lafontaine.
- 09:45 – 11:45** **Meeting of Honor Council (Anderson Hall, 104)**
- 12:15 – 13:30** **Lunch with Impact Investing Conference**
Keynote Speaker: Tess Mateo, Managing Director, Cx Catalysts (Advisor, United Nations Global Compact) (Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Athletic & Activity Center)
- 13:45 – 14:45** **Conclusion to Conference (Anderson Hall Room 103)**
- 14:45 – 15:45** **Open Meetings between Universities**
- 14:45 – 15:45** **Meeting of the New Executive Committee (Takton Boardroom, Malloy Hall)**
- 16:00 – 16:30** **Closing Ceremony and Special Award (Anderson Hall Room 103)**
Albertus Magnus Award 2019
- 16:45** **(EOD) Shuttle Transport to Hotel**

Additional Information

Conference Hotel	DoubleTree by Hilton	713- 629 – 1200
University Police		713 – 525 - 3888
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Local Program Chair	Hans Stockton	713 – 416 – 7845
WIFI Connection		UST-Guest

Things to Do in Houston

Visit Houston Texas

<https://www.visithoustontexas.com>

Trip Advisor

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g56003-Activities-Houston_Texas.html

Culture Map (Events for week of May 20, 2019)

<http://houston.culturemap.com/events/>

365 Things to Do in Houston

<http://365thingsinhouston.com>

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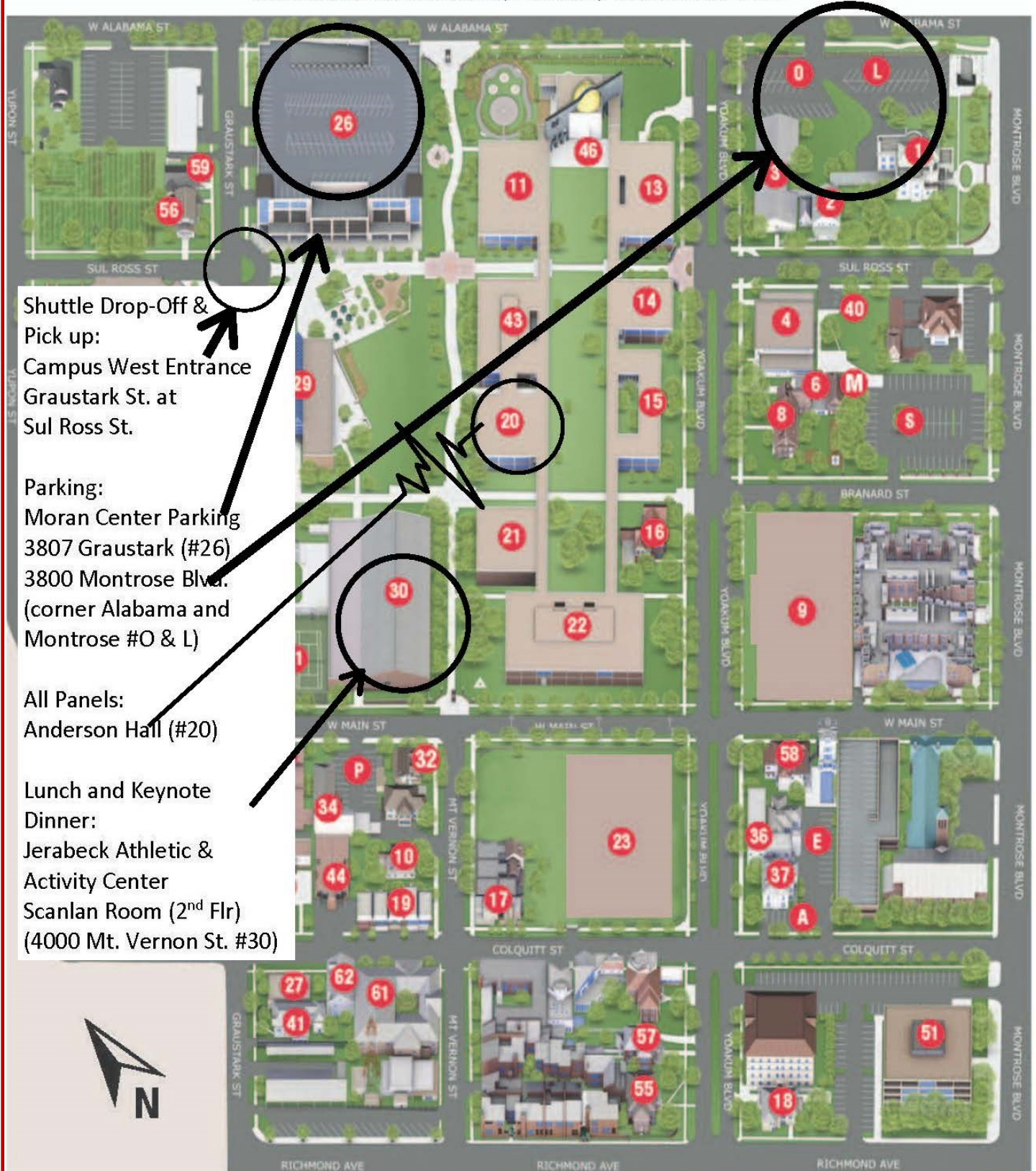
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- 3 T.P. O'Rourke Hall: Psychology, Classrooms
- 8 Hughes House: Theology, Classical Languages, Honors
- 11 Malloy Hall: Art History, Education, English
- 13 Welder Hall: Cameron School of Business, Center for Business Ethics
- 14 Jones Hall: Drama, Theatre
- 15 Strake Hall: Classrooms, Dean of Arts and Sciences
- 16 Mathematics, Computer Science, Cooperative Engineering
- 18 De La Salle House: MLA Program, Extended Programs, Catholic Outreach
- 19 STEM Success Center
- 20 Anderson Hall: International Studies, Modern Languages, Political Science, Study Abroad
- 21 Cullen Hall: Music
- 22 Doherty Library and Hugh Roy Marshall Graduate Philosophy Library, Television and Radio Studios, Computing Lab
- 23 Center for Science and Health Professions: Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, Nursing Success Center
- 37 Tiller Hall: History
- 43 Robertson Hall: Communications, Environmental Sciences, Physics
- 50 Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- 55 Sullivan Hall: Center for Thomistic Studies, Philosophy
- 56 Center for Faith and Culture
- 57 William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies

ADMISSIONS/ENROLLMENT:

- 36 Herzstein Enrollment Services Center: Business Office, Payroll, Scholarships and Financial Aid, Registrar, Student Financial Services
- 58 Monaghan House: Admissions

ATHLETICS:

- 30 Jerabeck Activity and Athletic Center: Health Promotion and Wellness, Gymnasium, Weight Room, Scanlan Room
- 31 JAAC Turf/Swimming Pool

CAMPUS LIFE/STUDENT SERVICES:

- 26 Moran Center: Bookstore, Labyrinth Coffee Shop
- 29 Crooker Center: Academic Advising, Ahern Room, Cafeteria, Career Services and Testing, Counseling and Disability Services, Dean of Students, International Student and Scholar Services, Mendenhall Achievement Center, Michael Leavitt Study & Meeting Room, Old Book Store Student Lounge, Student Activities, Student Affairs, Student Government Association, Tutorial Services, University Food Services
- 42 Education Graduate Student Success Center
- 62 The Summa Newspaper, Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness

CATHOLIC/RELIGIOUS:

- 9 Keon House: Basilian Priests and Scholastics
- 56 Campus Ministry
- 18 Catholic Outreach
- 46 Chapel of St. Basil
- 56 Center for Faith and Culture

OFFICES/ADMINISTRATIVE:

- 1 Link-Lee Mansion: President, Academic Affairs
- 2 Carriage House: Marketing Communications
- 4 Murphy Hall: Information Technology
- 5 Hughes House Annex: Information Technology Annex
- 6 Art Gallery
- 7 Siena House: Archives, Creative Services, Marketing Communications
- 27 Mail Room
- 34 Facilities Operations
- 47 Custodial
- 12 Institutional Advancement, Gift Planning, Constituent Relations
- 59 Human Resources

PARKING (STAFF AND FACULTY):

Lots E, L, M, O, P, S
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PARKING (STUDENT):

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PARKING (VISITORS TO CAMPUS):

26 - Moran Center
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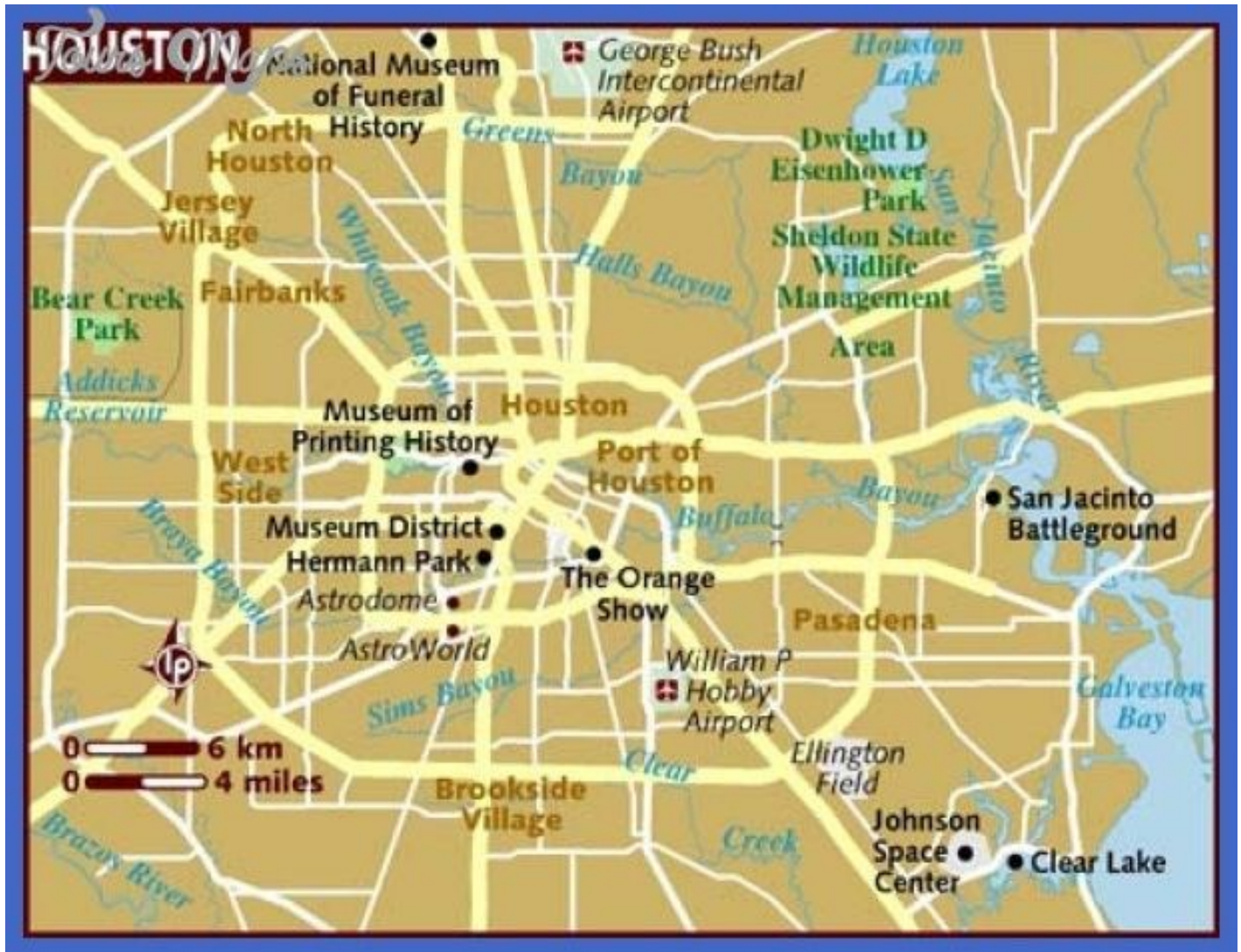
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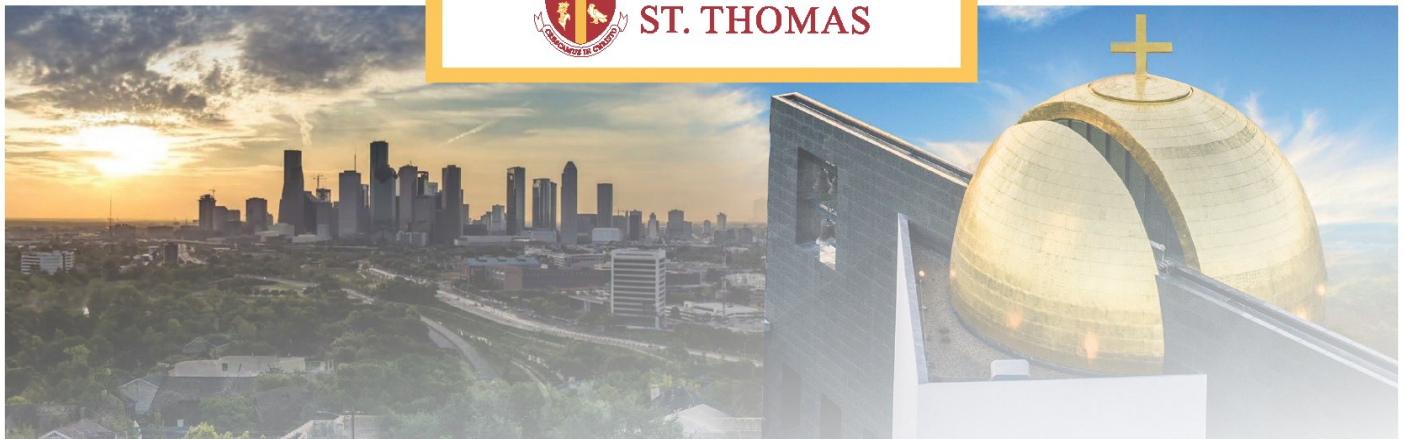
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Houston In and Around Town...





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IMPACT INVESTING: THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HEARTS AND HANDS

University of St. Thomas Campus

May 24, 2019

12:30pm - 6:30pm

Join us for an exciting conference connecting leaders and experts on Impact Investing! This afternoon of engaging conversation will showcase how impact investing models can address global challenges and be a part of actionable solutions to some of the most pressing problems of our time.

Guest presentations will address issues related to poverty, inequality, climate, and environmental degradation. The speakers will share experiences of Impact Investing, debate the key opportunities and challenges that they face, and discuss the impact-investing infrastructure and its scalability.



ABOUT THE KEYNOTE

Tess Mateo is Managing Director/Founder of CXCatalysts, a “collaboration accelerator” that develops innovative public private sector partnerships that help companies profitably reach underserved markets, and governments and multilateral institutions achieve their environmental and development goals.

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