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Mr. Mark Castner
Conference of Information Technologies
Management
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Dear Mr. Castner:

At their meeting in the Winter of 1995, the AJCU Board of Directors (the presidents of the Jesuit colleges and universities), recognizing the autonomy of each of the U.S. Jesuit institutions of higher education as well as their connectedness, common heritage and shared vision, directed that the AJCU office explore innovative ways to use computer technology and the resources of the Internet to capitalize on this unique resource called "American Jesuit Higher Education."

In response to this directive, I am pleased to announce that the AJCU central office has set up an electronic communication and information server dedicated for access and use by the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. This server called AJCUnet is similar to the concept, function and services of America Online or CompuServe. Its purpose is to enhance the opportunities for communication and the sharing of information among the twenty-eight AJCU institutions.

Initially, five AJCU conferences have been selected for the first phase of getting the system "online". The Conference of Information Technologies Management is one of the five chosen to use the system. I invite you and the Information Technologies Management conference to participate in the testing phase of this exciting project. There is space set up for your group on the AJCUnet server just for this purpose.

Through a connection from a desktop computer to the AJCUnet, members of the Information Technologies Management conference will be able to access dedicated electronic bulletin board services and other information resources. Among bulletin board services, there are two levels: message posting and 'meeting rooms'. The message posting will enable members of AJCU conferences to post messages for others to read and post their replies, similar to the student message ride boards you might see on your university system. The "meeting rooms" will enable you to have live conversations with other members in your AJCU conference, similar to having a telephone conference call.

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In addition to these communication services, you will be able to electronically access and obtain information, e.g., conference reports, comparative enrollment figures, and grant information, from the AJCU electronic library which you may find pertinent to your work.

What do you need to access your telconferencing capacities on the AJCUnet? At the very minimum, you will need to use a desktop computer workstation running Windows 3.1 with 6-9 MB of free hard disk space and a connection to the Internet through your institutional communications network. By connecting to AJCUnet you can get a copy of the AJCUnet software copied to your hard drive and installed within 15 minutes. If the workstation can access the World Wide Web ("*WWW*") through Windows then it will be able to access and use AJCUnet.

You will be assigned a personal ID code and password which you can use immediately. This is set up in order to provide exclusive access to AJCUnet and the privacy of your communications.


H. Davis Feickert, AJCUnet's technical consultant and acting system administrator ("*sysop*") in AJCU's Washington office is available to you or your information technology support staff for more specific instruction on the installation details.

On Wednesday, August 30th, the system is ready to go "live." Please contact Davis to get a personal ID code and password by calling the AJCU office at (202) 862-9893 or sending an e-mail message to *sysop@online.ajcunet.edu*.

By the way, while you are using the Internet capacities, please check out the new AJCU home page on the Internet at *http://www.ajcunet.edu*. Also, if you have a WWW server, please consider building a link from Canisius College's home page to the AJCU home page.

Thank you for your commitment to Jesuit education and your time and assistance in testing this very important and exciting project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul S. Tipton, S.J." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a stylized "T".

Paul S. Tipton, S.J.
President