

## Catholic University of Congo (CUC) Medical School Start-Up Initiative

#### **Our Purpose This Evening:**

- Learn more about Father Ikanga's life, training, experience, and mission
- Gain an understanding of the help Father Ikanga needs to fulfill the mission
- Prayerfully consider how each of us can support Father Ikanga's mission
- Identify sources of financial support for The Medical School Start-Up Initiative led by Father Ikanga
- Inspire others to "spread the word" (to support Father Ikanga in this mission)

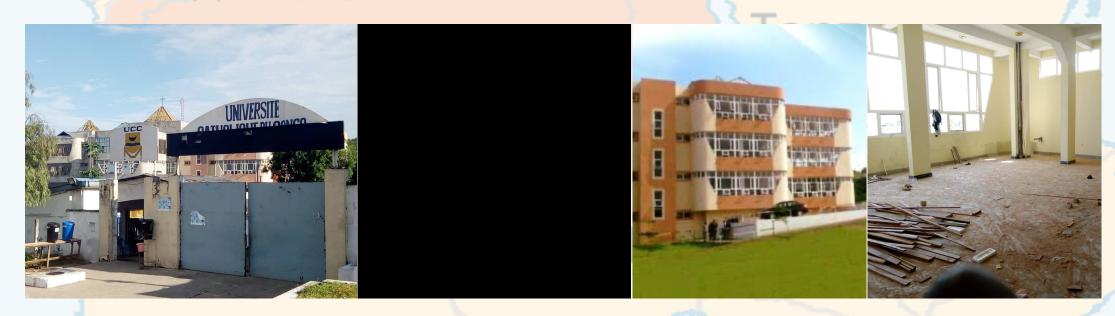
#### Background and Need

- Catholic University of Congo (CUC) is a private Catholic University, founded in 1957
  - Offering diversified interdisciplinarity degree programs with the goals of enhancement of general culture, while promoting Christian values
  - Comprised of two campuses, one located in the heart of the city of Kinshasa in Limete, the other in the western part of the city, in the municipality of Mont Ngafula
- Doctors and healthcare teams are called upon to play a central role in the achievement of the objectives of sustainable human and economic development in the DRC
  - No longer as only health care providers, but also and above all as the driving force behind individual and community development
  - Students will receive Catholic training on moral and ethical values, respect for human dignity and rights, as well as the environment
- Father Ikanga is the Assistant Professor at the CUC
  - In his role Fr. Ikanga is for looking for professors and organizing all lectures.
  - Looking for funds to equip the laboratories and library

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#### Background and Need - Continued

- In the DRC there is one doctor for 11,274 inhabitants (the standard is one for 10,000).
- The doctor shortage is coupled with an unequal spatial distribution:
  - Sixty percent of doctors are based in Kinshasa, which houses only 10 percent of the population.
- CUC has succeeded in constructing two buildings to house a medical school
- What remains to be done is: 1) Outfit and equip the buildings, 2) Create and execute the student admissions process, and 3) Begin conducting classes



#### Background and Need - Continued

- What remains to be done is:
  - 1) Outfit and equip the buildings
  - 2) Augment medical teaching staff
  - 3) Establish and conduct initial student admissions process
  - 4) Begin conducting classes
- Outfitting and equipping the labs and buildings is estimated to require funding of approximately \$500 Thousand
  - Detailed equipment budget available on request
- Father Ikanga has been charged by the Bishop President of the Board of Trustees
  of the CUC to raise those start-up funds to support a Fall 2021 class offering
  - This project has been approved by the Archbishop of Atlanta upon the request of the Bishop President of the Board of Trustees of the CUC

Milestone Dates	March 2021	June 2021	June – July 2021	September 2021
Milestones	Order Equipment	Augment Teaching Staff	Conduct Admissions	Begin Classes
Funding (cumulative) \$500K \$500K + ?K		\$ 500K + ?K	\$ 500K + ?K	\$ 500K + ?K

### Medical School Start-Up Initiative: Goal and Program Phases

# Our Goal: Raise funds to create a medical school at CUC to train doctors and medical personnel who would serve their fellow Congolese

#### Program Phases:

- Identify and appeal to potential donors:
  - People who care about advancing the health and well-being of their fellow Catholics around the world, and
  - Have the financial resources to contribute
- Work through contacted potential donors to identify additional prospective supporters
- Organize and conduct ongoing development efforts to establish ongoing support for the CUC medical school
  - Potentially the establishment of a Georgia Nonprofit Corporation to manage the raising, use, and disbursement of funds (Congo Medical Development, Inc.)
  - Congo Medical Development, Inc would be governed by a board of directors

### Please Consider Donating to The CUC Medical School Initiative led by Father Ikanga

#### **Donate On-line:**

**Through The Vatican Bank:** 

- Wire Transfer Instructions upon request

**Through The Donation Page of Friends of CUC Web Site:** 

- www.friendsofcuc.org

Contributions made through either entity are tax deductible in the US

# Please stick around and speak with Father Ikanga

## Thank you for coming!

Don't forget to take a web site donation details card

And ... Please tell others about Fr. Ikanga's mission and support needs

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