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FUTURE OF CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS IS THEME FOR 7TH NATIONAL WORKSHOP

WASHINGTON--"The Next Generation of Christian-Jewish Relations" is the theme for the 7th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations which will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, April 25-28.

Conducted at 18-month intervals, the workshops are sponsored by the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), the Office of Christian-Jewish Relations of the National Council of Churches, and the Committee on Interreligious Affairs of the Synagogue Council of America, along with a broad spectrum of cooperating Jewish and Christian agencies.

Dr. Krister Stendahl of the Harvard Divinity School will keynote the workshop while Msgr. Pietro Rossano, of the Vatican's Secretariat for Non-Christians, will give a major presentation entitled "Judaism, Christianity and Islam: A Christian Point of View." Other major speakers include Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz, Professor of Education and Jewish Religious Thought, Hebrew Union College--Jewish Institute of Religion; Dr. Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, Professor of

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New Testament Studies and Theology, University of Notre Dame;
and Dr. Paul M. van Buren, Professor of Religion, Temple
University.

Seminars will be held on a wide variety of topics
throughout the week including religious groups and political
influence, the nuclear arms race and the religious community,
world hunger, the impact of the conflict in Lebanon on
Christian-Jewish relations, women's issues, U.S. immigration
policies, and the religious community's concern for education.

Leaders and participants in the workshops will include
Dr. Claire Randall, General Secretary of the National Council
of Churches, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Director,
Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee, Msgr.
Francis Lally, Secretary for Social Development and World
Peace, United States Catholic Conference, Auxiliary Bishop
Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Brooklyn, and Mr. Edward Fiske,
education editor of the New York Times.

Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, Director of the NCCB Secretariat
for Catholic-Jewish Relations, is current national chairperson
of the workshop, which is the largest such regularly scheduled
meeting of Christians and Jews in the world.

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