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WASHINGTON--The Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the Inter-religious Committee of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) have announced publication of the second volume of their projected series on social policy issues in Catholic and Jewish thought.

The volume, entitled Liturgical Foundations of Social Policy in the Catholic and Jewish Traditions, was published by the University of Notre Dame Press and edited by Rabbi Daniel Polish, formerly of the Synagogue Council, and Dr. Eugene Fisher of the NCCB Secretariat. The publication was assisted by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The essays, by leading liturgical scholars of the two traditions, discuss how the style and texts of Christian and Jewish worship influence the social mission of the two communities as they experience their respective rituals. Examined are ways in which liturgical traditions shape

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the manner in which the two faith communities address such areas of mutual concern as the environment, health care and the quest for justice and peace.

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The first volume in the series, also edited by Dr. Fisher and Rabbi Polish, was published by the University of Notre Dame Press in 1980 under the title Formation of Social Policy in the Catholic and Jewish Traditions.

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