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## TOP RELIGIOUS OFFICIALS WILL KEYNOTE CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS WORKSHOP

WASHINGTON--The presidents of the major Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious organizations in the United States will appear together as keynote speakers at the 8th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations October 29-November 1 in St. Louis.

Addressing the workshop keynote theme, "Cooperation and Coalition Building in a Pluralistic Society," the speakers will be Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB); Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, President of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA); and Rev. Philip Cousin, President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (NCC). The three officials will speak at the workshop's opening session October 29.

It will be the first time the three leaders have appeared before the same forum to address their common concern for fostering new understandings between the Christian and Jewish communities.

The annual workshops are designed for clergy, staff members, of Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant and Jewish agencies,

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scholars, and lay persons and are considered the largest and most significant gatherings of Jews and Christians in the U.S.

Dr. Eugene Fisher, Executive Secretary of the NCCB Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations and Chairperson of the workshop planning committee, described the St. Louis program as "perhaps the largest such conference in the world." He added: "Last year's workshop in Boston attracted some 1,200 people from seven countries, including representatives of the Vatican, the World Council of Churches, and the International Conference of Christians and Jews. A special delegation of theologians came from Germany to participate in the dialogue."

The St. Louis workshop will be cosponsored by NCCB, NCC, and SCA in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A., the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Other featured speakers in St. Louis and their topics will be Father Marcel Dubois, O.P., Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and Rabbi Henry Seigman, Executive Director, American Jewish Congress, "New Thought and Knowledge in Christian-Jewish Relations"; Dr. Erich Goldhagen, Harvard University, and Dr. Hubert Locke, University of Washington, "The Holocaust: Its Unique and Universal Aspects"; Father J. Bryan Hehir, United States Catholic Conference, Dr. Charles Kimball, NCC, and

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Rabbi A. James Rudin, American Jewish Committee, "Christian Statements on Israel"; Dr. Claire Hutchet-Bishop, Amitie Judeo-Chretienne, Paris, Rabbi Ronald Sobel, Temple Emanuel, New York, and Rev. Joan Campbell, NCC "Dealing with Prejudice"; and Dr. Blu Greenburg, author and lecturer, Riverdale, N.Y., Dr. Stanley S. Harakas, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Mass., and Dr. Huston Smith, Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., "Educating for Moral Values in a Pluralistic Society."

Professor Elie Wiesel, author and lecturer, Boston and New York, will narrate biblical and rabbinic stories at the workshop banquet October 31 and Dr. Martin E. Marty, University of Chicago Divinity School, will present "A Personal Perspective" at the concluding session November 1.

Seminar topics will include: Feminist Dialogue and Christian-Jewish Relations, Nuclear War, the Dynamics of Progress, Biomedical Ethics, Parenting, Seminary Education, Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, Prejudice against Ethnics, and Religion and Politics.

Additional information is available from: 8th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, 721 Olive Street, Room 915, St. Louis, MO 63101.

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