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## CATHOLIC-JEWISH PEACE DIALOGUE GUIDE BASED ON BISHOPS' LETTER

WASHINGTON--A discussion guide for Catholic-Jewish dialogue on peace and war has been issued by offices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Entitled The Challenge of Shalom for Catholics and Jews, the guide is based on The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response, the bishops' 1983 pastoral letter. It was published by the UAHC Department of Interreligious Affairs in cooperation with the NCCB Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations.

Co-authors are Anette Daum and Eugene Fisher, directors of the UAHC and NCCB offices respectively.

In an introduction, the authors note that the bishops' pastoral letter calls for Catholics to cooperate in peace efforts with others, and "explicitly with the Jewish community, which, it states, possesses its own 'long and abiding concern for peace as a religious and human value.'"

Major themes in the book include peace in the Old and New Testaments; attitudes toward peace and war in the Catholic and Jewish traditions; historical perspectives on

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the exercise of power, including the development of Israel; the spirituality of Shalom; and areas of agreement and divergence. An official summary of the bishops' pastoral letter is included in an appendix.

Contributing to the book were Father John T. Pawlikowski, O.S.M., of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, of Temple Isaiah, Columbia, Md.

The Catholic-Jewish dialogue guide is the most recent in an extensive series of projects arising from the bishops' pastoral letter. The document has been translated into six languages and is available in braille and large print editions.

The Challenge of Shalom for Catholics and Jews is available at \$4 per copy from: UAHC Department of Interreligious Affairs, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

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