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**SEMINAR FOR CATHOLIC, JEWISH
EDITORS PLANNING IS UNDERWAY**

WASHINGTON--Agreement to develop plans for a fall seminar for editors of Catholic and Jewish publications has been reached by the Secretariat of Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Bishop William H. Keeler of Harrisburg, newly appointed NCCB Catholic-Jewish Relations Episcopal Moderator, proposed the consultation to the ADL National Executive Committee at a meeting last month in Palm Beach, Fla.

Noting several recent "misperceptions or misunderstandings" of Catholic positions in Jewish publications in recent months, he envisioned a conference which "could be addressed by speakers who are familiar with the principal sensitive issues of Jewish-Catholic relations." The proposal was unanimously accepted by the ADL.

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Bishop Keeler said the seminar would provide an opportunity in which "Jewish editors would learn, and Catholic editors would be reminded, of the enormous internal changes which have taken place within the Catholic Church in terms of seminary and other educational programs."

Also, he said, "Catholic editors could be helped to see better the Jewish perspective on such topics as the Holocaust and the State of Israel."

He added: "I hope also that the editors might get to know each other and come out of the meeting knowing that they have friends among the family of religious editors in the U.S. to whom they might turn for a practical counsel in covering specific events and developments."

Planning the meeting are Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, of the NCCB Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, and Rabbi Leon Klenicki, Director of the ADL Department of Interfaith Affairs.

Dr. Fisher said that officials of the Catholic Press Association and the National Catholic News Service have expressed interest in the seminar. Rabbi Klenicki reported interest in the Jewish community "to develop a closer working relationship between the Catholic and Jewish press."

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