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**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN-JEWISH WORKSHOP
WILL BE HELD NOV. 4-7 IN CHICAGO**

WASHINGTON--The Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA) of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops is one of the sponsors of the 12th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, which will be held from November 4 to 7 in Chicago.

The Conference was one of the original founders of the Workshop, and Dr. Eugene Fisher, Director for Christian-Jewish Relations at the Conference, serves as National Chairperson for the Workshop.

Johannes Cardinal Willebrands of Rome, President Emeritus of the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism, will give a major presentation, entitled "Religious Pluralism and the Second Vatican Council." He will be introduced by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago and responded to by Bishop Krister Stendahl of Harvard University Divinity School.

The format of the Workshop will include presentations by experts in the field, and several 90-minute seminars and workshops. Among the topics for debate and discussion are secularism, the Holocaust, changes in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Hispanic issues, bio-ethical concerns, and feminist theology.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Martin E. Marty, of the University of Chicago Divinity School, who will discuss religious pluralism in America; Leontine T.C. Kelly, retired Bishop in the United Methodist Church, whose topic is "A Community in

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Interreligious Dialogue: The African-American Experience"; and Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, whose presentation is entitled, "Facing the Future Together."

"The National Workshop is one of the premiere events in interreligious relations in the world today, drawing participants not only from the Americas but Europe and the Middle East as well," said Dr. Fisher. "It provides a forum for exchange of information and insights among local and diocesan representatives as well as an initiation into the dialogue for beginners."

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