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JEWISH, CATHOLIC LEADERS TO MARK DECADE SINCE VATICAN II STATEMENT

WASHINGTON--Catholic and Jewish religious leaders will gather here next Tuesday, December 16, for a convocation celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations.

Among those participating will be the President of the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, and the President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati.

The convocation, to be held at 2 p.m. at Theological College, Catholic University of America (401 Michigan Avenue, N.E.) will be sponsored by the bishops' conference.

It will bring together Catholics and Jews for prayer and discussion concerning the ecumenical council's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate) and the 10th

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anniversary statement on that document adopted by the U.S. bishops at their general meeting in Washington last month.

Addresses on "New Orientations in Jewish-Christian Religions" will be given by the Rev. Walter Burghardt, S.J., professor of patristic theology at Catholic University, and Rabbi Irving Greenberg, chairman and professor of the Department of Jewish Studies, City College of New York.

Presentations will also be made by Archbishop Bernardin and Rabbi Lookstein, as well as by Msgr. Charles Moeller, Chairman of the Vatican Liaison Committee for Catholic-Jewish Relations and Secretary of the Vatican's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman, Senior Rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, and the Rev. Edward H. Flannery, Executive Secretary of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, will give scriptural readings during the convocation.

Among the others attending will be Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate in the United States, and Archbishop William W. Baum of Washington. The convocation will be followed by a reception at Theological College.

In a letter of invitation to participants in the convocation, Bishop James S. Rausch, General Secretary

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of the bishops' conference, expressed the belief that it would be "an historic moment in the progress of Catholic-Jewish relations in the United States and an incentive for all of us to continue our efforts for inter-religious cooperation and amity."

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