



Mobile Christian-Jewish Dialogue

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Byrne Memorial Hall, Spring Hill College
7:00 p.m.

Dr. Eugene Fisher

The Current State of Christian-Jewish Dialogue

Dr. Fisher was Associate Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), in charge of Catholic-Jewish relations, a position held from 1977 to 2007. He succeeded Father Edward H. Flannery, who had held the post since its establishment in 1967 following the Second Vatican Council. Dr. Fisher was the first layperson to hold such an NCCB post.

His PhD is in Hebrew Culture and Education from New York University (1976). He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore in 1999 and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Seton Hall University in 2004. Dr. Fisher is an active member of numerous learned and professional societies and associations. He has published over twenty books and 300 articles.

In April of 1981, Dr. Fisher was appointed by Pope John Paul II to be Consultor to the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. In 1985, he was named a member of the International Vatican-Jewish Liaison Committee, representing the Holy See. In 2000 he represented the Holy See at the International Conference on the Holocaust in Stockholm, and in 2001 at the International Lutheran-Jewish Conference in Budapest. In 2003 he was the Rabbi Hugo Gryn Fellow at Cambridge University, England.