Series C: Interreligious Activities. 1952-1992
October 15, 1985

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56th St.
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Marc:

Again let me thank you for accepting the invitation to be part of the program which will be held on the campus of St. Thomas on the evening of Monday, November 18 and the morning of Tuesday, November 19.

I am enclosing a rough draft of the program which is now in the hands of the printer. I trust it meets with your approval.

There will be a dinner at the College at 6:00 p.m. immediately preceding the program. Please let me know when you are arriving and departing, and we will see that you are met at and returned to the airport. The earlier you make it to Minneapolis the less nervous I shall be. You shall be staying at the President's residence which has most comfortable accommodations. I look forward to seeing you.

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Sincerely,

Rabbi Max A. Shapiro

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JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN DIALOGUE
20TH ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN II'S STATEMENT
NOSTRA AETATE
A SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by the
Center for Jewish-Christian Learning
College of St. Thomas
with the cooperation of
The Center for Religious Education

Monday evening, November 18, 1985, 7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
and Tuesday morning, November 19, 1985, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
O'Shaughnessy Education Center
The campus of the College of St. Thomas
St. Paul, Minnesota

The program is free and open to the general public.

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Auditorium, O'Shaughnessy Education Center

7:30 p.m. In-gathering and Welcoming
Rabbi Max A. Shapiro, Director
Center for Jewish-Christian Learning

7:45 p.m. Greetings
Monsignor Terrence J. Murphy, President
College of St. Thomas

7:50 p.m. "Twenty Years of Jewish-Catholic Dialogue: A Jewish Perspective"
Presenter: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

8:20 p.m. Break

8:30 p.m. "Twenty Years of Christian-Jewish Dialogue: A Protestant Perspective"
Presenter: Dr. Paul M. van Buren

9:00 p.m. "Nostra Aetate 20 Years Later: A Roman Catholic Perspective"
Presenter: Fr. Michael B. McGarry, C.S.P.

9:30 p.m. Audience questions and discussion
10:00 p.m. Adjournment

Tuesday, November 19, 1985 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Auditorium, O'Shaughnessy Education Center

9:00 a.m. In-Gathering and Welcoming
Rabbi Max A. Shapiro, Director
Center for Jewish-Christian Learning

Presenter: Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

9:45 a.m. "The Challenge of Christian-Jewish Dialogue: A Protestant Perspective"
Presenter: Dr. Paul M. van Buren

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. "The Challenge of Roman Catholic-Jewish Dialogue: A Roman Catholic Perspective"
Presenter: Fr. Michael B. McGarry

11:00 a.m. Reactions
Sister Christine Athans, B.V.M., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Church History, The Saint Paul Seminary.
The Rev. Sally L. Hill, M. Div., an ordained Presbyterian Minister, Associate Executive Director of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Church Commission.
Rabbi Stacy Offner, Assistant Rabbi, Mount Zion Congregation, St. Paul, Minnesota

12:00 Adjournment

Background
Twenty years ago, Vatican II Council (Second Vatican Council) promulgated a declaration on the relationships of the Church to non-Christian religions. The document is known as Nostra Aetate, (Our Time). This name is taken from the first two Latin words that open the document. Nostra Aetate was complemented in 1974 with Guidelines for the Implementation of the Nostra Aetate Declaration which was created in order to improve the presentation of Jews and Judaism in Roman Catholic teaching and liturgy.

A major colloquium in Rome on April 17-18, 1985, commemorated the 20th anniversary of Nostra Aetate and contributed significantly to the ongoing process of growth in the interfaith friendship. In recognition of the need for continuous Jewish-Christian dialogue the Center for Jewish-Christian Learning of the College of St. Thomas presents this program.

PRESENTERS:

The Reverend Dr. Paul M. van Buren, Professor at Temple University is currently the Director of the Center for Contemporary Theology in the Shalom Hartman Institute for Judaic Studies. He earned his D. Theol. from the University of Basel, Switzerland, where he studied under the direction of Professor Karl Barth. Dr. van Buren has written numerous articles and books, including A Christian Theology of the People Israel, (1983). He has held several fellowships, including one from the Guggenheim Foundation. An ordained Episcopal priest, he is a pioneer in Christian-Jewish dialogue.
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum is Director of International Relations of the American Jewish Committee. A founder and leading member of the joint liaison committee of the Vatican Secretariat on Catholic-Jewish Relations and the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, he was the only Rabbi at Vatican Council II. He is founder and co-chairman of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry which aids oppressed Jews and Christians in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. An author, lecturer and editor, Rabbi Tanenbaum has been described by New York magazine as "the foremost Jewish ecumenical leader in the world today."

Fr. Michael B. McGarry, C.S.P., M.Div. is a Paulist priest who received his ministerial and theological degrees at the Toronto School of Theology and the Institute of Christian Thought, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. Both a teacher and an author, Fr. McGarry's first book is entitled Christology after Auschwitz. He has been chairperson of the Catholic-Jewish Committee of the Archdiocese of Boston and currently serves on the Advisory Committee to the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fr. McGarry was a presenter at the 7th and 8th National Workshops on Christian-Jewish Relations and has just completed a five month sabbatical in Jewish studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:  

You may recall that we met during your visit at the College of St. Thomas in November of 1985. At that time Rabbi Max A. Shapiro, Director of the Center for Jewish-Christian Learning, and I informed you that your presentation on the twentieth anniversary of Nostra Aetate would be published. Recently Monsignor Murphy, the President of the College, appointed me special editor of the inaugural lecture series of the Center for Jewish-Christian Learning. I have had the word-processing people at the College transcribe the tape-recordings of your presentation here. They are enclosed.

I would ask that you proofread these to make sure that we have done a correct rendition of your remarks. In the first paper dated 11/18/85 I would ask that you pay close attention to the spellings of the towns in the Ukraine from which your parents came, as well as the spelling for the mayor of the city and other foreign language phrases. These appear primarily on pages five, six, and seven. In the second paper, dated 11/19/85 there were quite a few foreign language terms and titles that you included in your remarks that were not transcribable. We have simply typed a long dash in the manuscript for you to fill in the specifics. These appear especially on pages four, fifteen, eighteen and nineteen.

At present, we are under a rather tight schedule for publication of this series. I would ask that you please read the enclosed manuscripts and return them to me by Monday, February 17th, 1986. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope for you to mail the manuscripts to me. I would like to emphasize again the tightness of the publication schedule.

I hope to hear from you in the not-too-distant future.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur E. Zannoni, Ph.D.  
Editor, Inaugural Lecture Series

Encl.  
cc: Rabbi Max Shapiro