Series C: Interreligious Activities. 1952-1992
Box 40, Folder 9, Nostra Aetate - 20th anniversary [University of Notre Dame], 28-29 October 1985.
March 28, 1985

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Director
International Relations Department
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 53rd Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Thank you for your letter of 8 March. I am very pleased that we have finally gotten in touch, and can see from your newspaper clippings that this has indeed been a very busy time for you.

I am enclosing herewith the proposed program for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Nostra Aetate. You will see that the dates are 28-29 October 1985. This is exactly 20 years after the promulgation of the document on 28 October 1965. You will also note that your presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 October. The theme of the celebration is Past, Present and Future, and your presentation as well as the remarks of John Pawlikowski will point us toward the future, I am sure. Although you will be presenting on the second day of the conference, we do want you to be present for the full celebration beginning the morning of the 28th of October. If you wish to arrive on the evening of the 27th, that would be good also. We will, of course, pay for your travel expenses, your lodging while here at the Morris Inn, and there will be a stipend of $500.

As our plans progress I will be in touch with you again, but in the meantime let me tell you how pleased we all are that you will be part of this celebration.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially,

[Signature]

Ellen Weaver
Assistant Chairwoman

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Address by Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C - THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE
August 8, 1985

Dr. Marc Tanenbaum, Director
International Relations
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York City, New York 10022

Dear Dr. Tanenbaum,

Let me take this opportunity to tell you how delighted we are that you will participate in the conference celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the promulgation of Nostra Aetate.

As Ellen Weaver may have written you, Dr. John Pawlikowski (Catholic Theological Union, 5401 South Cornell Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615) will respond to your paper. Would you be so kind as to send him an advance copy?

Also, in preparation for the conference, I have put together a short informational packet for speakers and respondents, which I have enclosed. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

All the best,

Roger Brooks
Assistant Professor for Judaica
Department of Theology
Information for Speakers and Respondents

1 Travel Plans Flights are available to the Michiana Regional Airport, serving South Bend, several times each day. United, Republic, Air Wisconsin, and Britt Airways fly from Chicago's O'Hare airport. If you are flying from the Eastern Seaboard, however, you may wish to avoid the confusion of a stopover at O'Hare, and opt for a connecting flight through Dayton, Ohio, on Piedmont Airlines.

South Bend also is served by train from Chicago (both Amtrack and the SouthShore Railway), with two trips daily, and by United Limo. The Limo service departs from O'Hare Airport and arrives directly on the Campus, but requires an advance reservation.

Your travel agent can assist you further, please retain all your receipts, and give them to the Departmental Administrative Assistant, Anne Fearing, when you arrive on campus. She will arrange for reimbursement.

2 Arrivals: We will be most glad to meet you upon your arrival in South Bend. Please let us know when you plan to arrive, and we will arrange transportation. Or, you may simply take a cab to the Morris Inn, on the campus of Notre Dame, where all the speakers and respondents will be staying.

3 Housing: As indicated, all participants will be staying in the Morris Inn. As our guests, please charge your expenses to your room.

Should you arrive before the conference begins (most likely on Sunday, October 27), the Inn's dining room serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. During the conference itself, of course, we have reserved private dining rooms for all lunches and dinners.

4 Presentations: As you can see from the enclosed schedule, we have allotted ample time for both the papers and responses. Your presentation should be about 45-50 minutes for a paper and 25-30 minutes for a response. Of course, publication versions of the papers and responses can be longer, if necessary.

Those presenting papers should send a draft to the appropriate respondent, at least one month before the conference. This should allow ample time for the respondents to do their job.
5 Publication Schedule. We have a tentative commitment from the University of Notre Dame Press to publish a book containing an edited version of the papers. We would like to have the last draft of both papers and responses at the conference itself, and final versions about one month thereafter. Please send these to Dr Roger Brooks, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 46556.

6 Stipends and Payments. As I indicated above, save all your receipts in order to receive reimbursement. Would you also send your Social Security number to Ms Anne Fearing, Administrative Assistant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.
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October 6, 1984

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Director International Relations  
The American Jewish Committee  
Institute of Human Relations  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Dr. Tanenbaum,

As Notre Dame's new Assistant Professor of Judaism, Ellen Weaver has asked me to help coordinate the Crown-Minow projects of Jewish-Christian relations. She passed on to me correspondence regarding your participation in the 20th anniversary celebration of Nostra Aetate. We would like to firm up plans for a symposium on this subject, probably for October 1985.

I know that you were closely involved in the deliberations that produced Nostra Aetate, and we would like to feature you in the symposium. Could you also recommend two or three others, Christians and Jews, with whom you would like to share the podium? Perhaps we can think about three or four papers and respondents, adding up to a short volume for possible publication.

Dr. Weaver and Father McBríen send their regards, we all look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

Roger Brooks

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cc. F.E. Weaver  
R. McBríen
March 8, 1985

Dr. Ellen Weaver
Department of Theology
University of Notre Dame
330 O'Shaughnessy Hall
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Dr. Weaver,

I wish to confirm my acceptance of your kind invitation to take part in the 20th Anniversary observance of the close of Vatican Council II, to be held at Notre Dame on October 28 and 29.

Please forgive my delay in responding to you earlier. As you can see from the enclosed newspaper clippings, this has been a very busy time of overseas travel for me.

I look forward to receiving the background materials that you indicated, to Miss Reznik, that were being sent.

Please express my warmest good wishes to Father Ted and my other friends at Notre Dame.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Director
International Relations Department

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Enclosures