



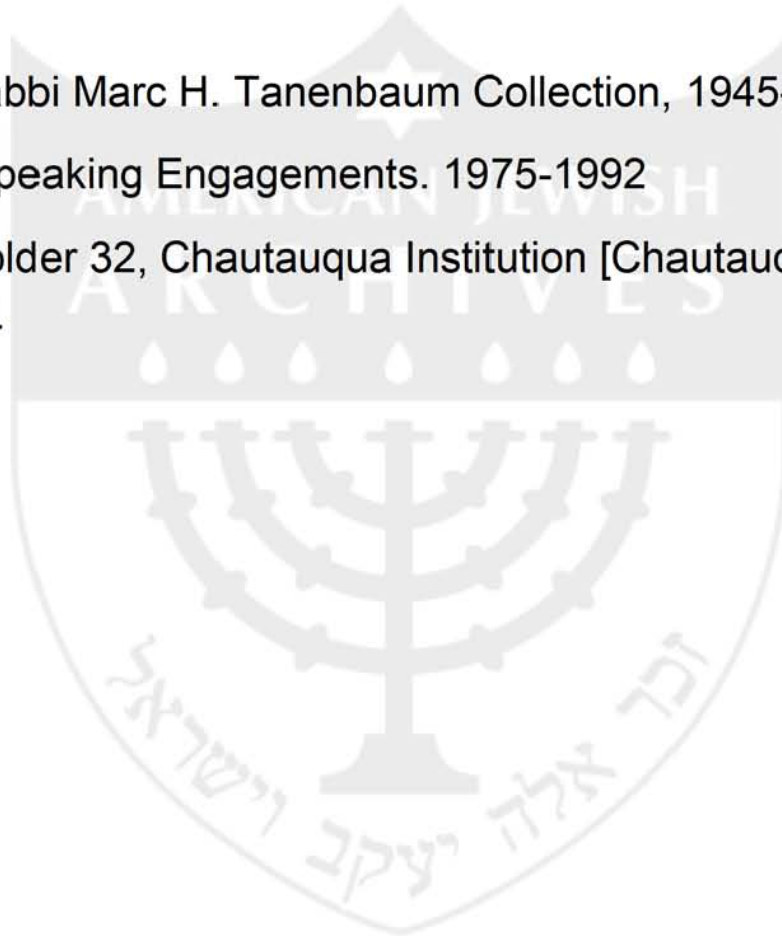
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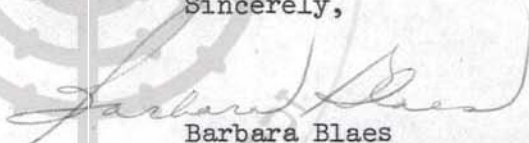
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December 2, 1976

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Somewhat recently you spoke to the Sisters of St. Joseph in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. We would like very much to have a copy of that talk for possible use in one of our publications. We would not publish the entire talk, just use a few leading ideas, giving you credit, of course.

Sincerely,



Barbara Blaes
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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, National Director
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Tanenbaum Lauds Parish Schools; Sees Jewish Change on Aid Issues

STEVENS POINT, Wis. (NC) — Catholic parochial schools are needed now more than ever, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum told 700 Sisters of St. Joseph gathered here recently for the 75th anniversary of the order's founding.

Speaking on American religious values in a bicentennial year, Rabbi Tanenbaum said the Founding Fathers named four elements necessary for the survival of the republic: religion, sound economy, education and

honest government.

"What Christian and Jewish private education stand for are exactly these issues of the Founding Fathers of America," he said. "They risked the building of a country where the moral formation would be linked with spiritual formation in creation of a new kind of personality, of integrity."

Much is heard about the Jewish community's opposition to aid to private schools, but this has begun to change, according to Rabbi Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of

the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

"Two weeks ago," he said. "I led the American Jewish Committee to adopt a position in support of a bill pending in Pennsylvania for the provision of auxiliary services to Catholic parochial schools.

"It was a hotly contested issue," he continued. "We had the top leadership of the American Jewish Committee from throughout the country present to debate the issue. And it was an honest debate on which all points of view were represented."

In the past, the AJC has supported provision of lunches and medical and dental services to parochial school students with public funds. It has also supported shared-time programs in which parochial school students attend public schools for certain subjects while remaining enrolled in parochial schools.

The Pennsylvania bill provides publicly financed guidance and testing services for children in parochial schools providing services are administered by public agencies in public facilities.

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July 6, 1976



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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Here is my round-up release for the SSJ Homecoming '76. It went to all diocesan newspapers where SSJ's serve the Lord.

Thank you for your tremendous contribution to the event.

In and for Yahweh,

Sister Raphael Marie Clifford

*P.S. It occurs to me that you might be glad to have this photo returned. Thank you for letting us use it for advance reporting to the congregation.
R.M.*

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NEWS RELEASE
July 2, 1976

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH,
Third Order of St. Francis

STEVENS POINT, Wis. - Sisters of St. Joseph, gathered here from across the United States, from Puerto Rico, and parts of Latin America to consider their commitment to the future, heard three messages basic to such commitment:

- they heard Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, chairman of the American Jewish Committee, tell them Catholic parochial schools are needed now more than ever, in his address on Religious Values in a Bicentennial year;

- heard a counseling psychologist, Sister Susanne Breckel, Ph.D., point out the barriers to achieving the full personhood necessary to full commitment;

- heard the executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Sister Mary Daniel Turner, challenge them to be in touch with their inner power as individual women and as a corporate personality to more fully "image God" in the future.

The occasion was celebration of the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis (SSJ's) in July 1901 in Stevens Point. Some 700 members of the now wide-spread congregation gathered for a week of 75th anniversary events which included small group process study on points raised by all the major speakers. Sister Josephine Marie Peplinski, SSJ congregation president, spoke directly to commitment to the future. Rev. Joachim Giermek, of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual in Massachusetts and a member of the faculty of the Franciscan Fathers College at Granby, presented to this Franciscan community of sisters two characteristics of St. Francis of Assisi especially worth their consideration in the shaping of their future commitments.

"Far from being the ingenuous man he is often portrayed to have been, an examination of his writings shows St. Francis to be an astute observer of the interaction between thirteenth century society and the Church situated within it," Father Giermek said.

"Francis is seen to be a solid man of faith who believed that the Church could achieve its ends within society only if it kept itself true to its founder and head, Jesus Christ." There are no works, no apostolates, so essential to the Church today - as in the time of Francis - as those with a thrust toward reconciliation and unity, he said.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, speaking on American religious values in a bicentennial year for the nation and a year of jubilee for the SSJ's pointed out the biblical basis on which the founding fathers of America built this nation. They set out four things as necessary for the survival of the republic: religion, sound economy, education and honest government.

"What Christian and Jewish private education stand for are exactly these issues of the founding fathers of America," he told the 700 sisters. "They risked the building of a country where the moral formation would be linked with spiritual formation in creation of a new kind of personality, of integrity."

He said much is heard about the opposition to giving aid to private schools on the part of the Jewish community, and added that, in his view, this has begun to change.

"Two weeks ago," he said, "I led the American Jewish Committee to adopt a position in support of a bill pending in Pennsylvania for the provision of auxiliary services to Catholic parochial schools. It was a hotly contested issue. We had the top leadership of the American Jewish Committee from throughout the country present to debate the issue. And it was an honest debate in which all points of view were represented. That measure won the support of the overwhelming majority of the leadership of the American Jewish Committee throughout the United States."

Barriers to full personhood must be identified and overcome if women in today's ministry are to respond to the fullest of their own individual potential, Sister Susanne Breckel told SSJ's looking towards the community's commitment to the future. As co-director and counseling psychologist for the Consultation Services Center in Albany, N.Y. (and a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Union of the U.S.A.), Sister Breckel has been engaged in therapy with personnel of the Church for ten years. She

says the major barrier she encounters among them is lack of self-esteem at a deep level. "If we don't succeed, we equate failure with lack of self-worth," she said, and termed this a non-Gospel point of view. "The Bible says that each person in this room is gifted with a unique identifiable gift for the building of community." To discover that "gift" is not to discover one's talents. "You have to get deeper than academic degrees and talents and find out what you are doing when you feel alive," she said.

Second barrier to full personhood is self-fulfilling prophecy of the negative kind. The third is to accept values without internalizing them. "The adult task of growth is a constant clarification of values," she said.

of Washington D.C.,

Sister Mary Daniel Turner, a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who holds master degrees in philosophy and theology, said "to image God is to be creative, to become free and to be faithful." In addition to giving one of the major addresses in the week-long celebration events, this sister was a homilist at the liturgical service on Women in Ministry Day.

Futurology was the assignment for small group process among the 700 sisters on the final day of celebration, with a focus especially towards the year 2001. It followed their president's address, "Commitment to the Future", in which she gave them individual and institutional challenges.

"Let us risk to lead when we have the vision and strength to say: This is what we need to do now. Let us risk to follow when it is time to empower another by saying: I will trust your insight and cooperate. As a community, let us make clear statements of our purpose and obligations. Let us be affirmative in action and work with an economy of resources: material and personal - bringing together persons and material resources that need to be brought together, collaborating with other religious and lay people in ecclesial and civic organizations."

Out of the findings of the small process groups and through a General Chapter to be held in July, long and short range commitments to the future by the Sisters of St. Joseph Third Order of St. Francis are to be shaped, Sister Josephine Marie Peplinski, their president, said.

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May 13, 1976

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director of Interreligious Affairs
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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

In only six weeks over 650 Sisters will assemble in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, for Homecoming '76. It is the first time in our community history that so many of us will celebrate together at one site. We are eager and happy anticipating this culminating event of our diamond jubilee.

The program for the Judaeo-Christian Heritage Day is as follows:

- 7:30 - 8:30 - Breakfast
- 9:00 - Morning Praise
- 9:30 -10:30 - Keynote Address...Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
- 10:30 -11:00 - Break
- 11:00 -12:00 - Group process in assigned areas
- 12:00 - 1:30 - Lunch
- 2:00 - 3:00 - Second Address
- 3:00 - 3:30 - Questions from the floor
- 4:00 - 5:00 - Liturgy: Celebrant - Rev. Peter Knippel
Homilist - Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
- 5:30 - 7:00 - Dinner
Evening is free.

Please send me the following information as soon as possible:

1. The titles of your talks. We need this information very soon to print in the program.
2. An outline of your talks or the texts of your talks for News Release purposes before the Homecoming.
3. The date and time of arrival at the airport.
The date and time of departure.

I called the North Central Airlines to obtain flight schedules for Sunday evening, June 27, 1976.

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- ✕ One flight from LaGuardia Airport leaves at 5:55 pm; arrives at 6:59 pm in Milwaukee. The North Central Plane leaves at 11:00 pm; arrives at 11:37 pm in Central Wisconsin Airport in Wausau, Wisconsin.

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A United flight leaves at 4:00 pm from LaGuardia; arrives at 5:20 at O'Hare Airport, Chicago. The North Central Plane leaves at 7:00 pm; arrives at 8:44 in Wausau, Wisconsin.

We are looking forward to your celebrating with us at the Homecoming. We are truly grateful for your accepting our invitation to address us.

May the Lord continue to bless you and help you and give you His peace.

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Sincerely in Him,

Sister Mary Cecilia

Sister Mary Cecilia
Member of Homecoming Task Force



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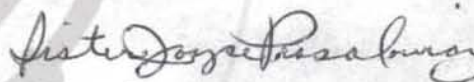
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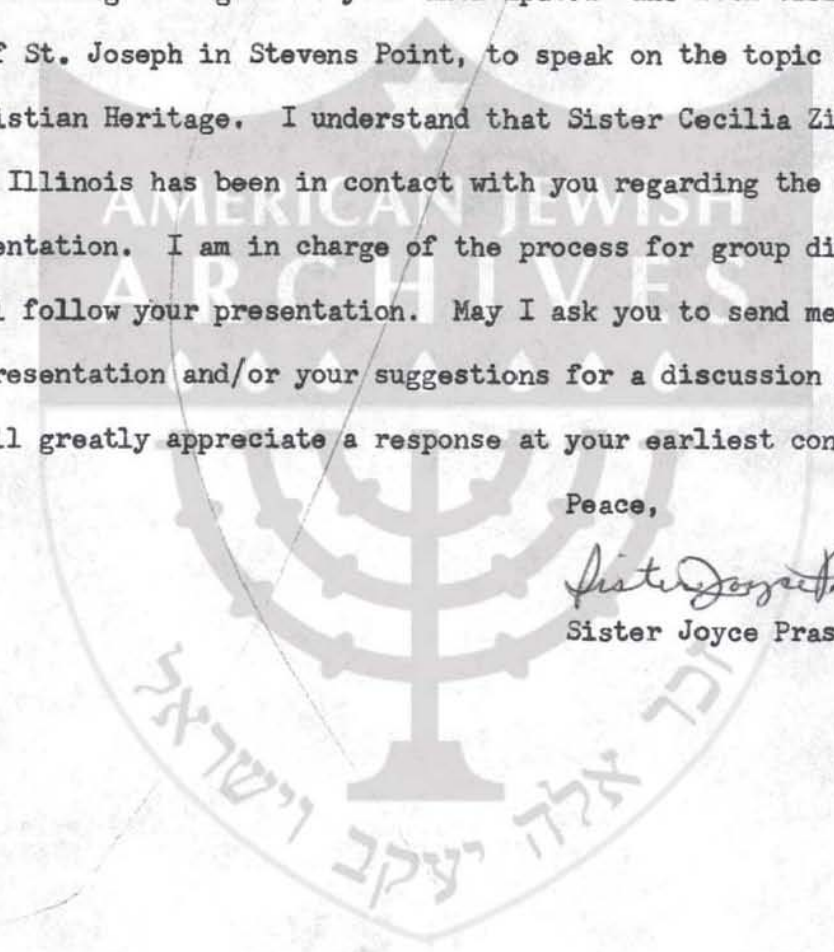
Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

I am writing in regard to your anticipated June 28th visit to the Sisters of St. Joseph in Stevens Point, to speak on the topic of our Judeo-Christian Heritage. I understand that Sister Cecilia Zielen of Bartlett, Illinois has been in contact with you regarding the content of your presentation. I am in charge of the process for group discussion which will follow your presentation. May I ask you to send me a synopsis of your presentation and/or your suggestions for a discussion process.

I will greatly appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Peace,


Sister Joyce Prasalowicz, ssj



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January 8, 1976

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Perhaps you have had an opportunity to consider some of the aspects of our Homecoming '76 in my communication of November 30. Are the time blocks (9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.) satisfactory? What type of small group process activity do you favor? Sister Jean Conzemius, Task Force member in charge of process, will be communicating with you to reach a decision on the small group process activity.

Would you be willing to give the homily at our liturgy of the Judeo-Christian Heritage Day? If so, the liturgy committee will be communicating further details to you.

Will you be in the Chicago or South Bend area in the near future? If so, may two or three of us meet with you to discuss your presentation and the process activity?

As soon as possible we would appreciate receiving your biographical sketch and photograph. We are planning to feature the homecoming speakers in our community publication.

Under separate cover I am sending a copy of our jubilee calendar which includes a capsulated history of our community. I am also sending a copy of SEARCH, our constitution, the expression of our response to the call of Our Father.

Thank you sincerely for the contribution of your person and time to our homecoming. We continue to keep you in our prayer and ask that you remember us before the Father occasionally.

Sincerely in Him,

Sister Mary Cecilia Zielen

Sister Mary Cecilia Zielen
Task Force Member

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November 30, 1975

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

By phone your secretary has confirmed Monday, June 28, 1976 as the date on which you will give the key-note address at our homecoming in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. At our last Task Force meeting we have designated two blocks of time for Content and Process, namely, 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. Part of this time will be used for small group process activities in which all the Sisters will discuss and share their reflections with each other. Is this time arrangement satisfactory? Do you have a preference as to the kind of small group process activity you would like to follow your presentation? There will be Sisters functioning as facilitators of the small groups, so they need to know beforehand the type of activity they will be directing. We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. We welcome your preferences and suggestions.

Likewise, in order to present a more realistic budget to our treasurer, would you kindly advise us the amount of the stipend you ordinarily receive? We will also pay your travel expenses and provide overnight accommodations, if you wish.

Thank you again for accepting our invitation to be the key-note speaker at our homecoming. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless you with His peace.

Sincerely in Him,

Sister Mary Cecilia

Sister Mary Cecilia
Task Force Member

P.S. I will be sending under separate cover, a copy of our constitution and a jubilee calendar, to help you to get to know us.

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October 1, 1975

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Thank you for your positive and prompt response. Of the alternate dates you have given us as being available as key-speaker for our Homecoming '76, we have chosen Monday, June 28, 1976. We hope that date is still open for you.

We are in the initial stages of program planning, so the details of each day are not finalized. Generally, we are planning a speaker or panel in the morning, followed by a group process activity in the afternoon involving all the Sisters, and related to the morning presentation. On your day, we considered the possibility of your speaking for an hour in the morning, a second hour in the afternoon, followed by a group process activity or question period. We are open to whatever time block you prefer.

I am including the goals and objectives of our homecoming with this communication. These indicate generally what we hope to accomplish before and during the homecoming.

Please let me know whether you are able to address us on June 28. Likewise, how much time would you like for the address? Would you prefer a longer period of time in the morning, or an hour in the morning and another hour in the afternoon? What group activity process do you suggest as a follow-up to your talk? - such as small group discussions related to your topic, or a question period, or whatever?

Would you kindly advise us the amount of the stipend you ordinarily receive? We will also pay your travel expenses and provide overnight accommodations if you wish.

We are truly grateful to you and happy for your accepting our invitation so willingly. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless your efforts in your work for Him.

Sincerely in Him,

Sister Mary Cecilia Zielen

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HOMECOMING '76

THEME: JUBILEE: LIBERATION AND AT-ONE-MENT

Primary Goal: To deepen our consciousness of and to celebrate our unfolding call to liberation and at-one-ment as Sisters of St. Joseph, of the Third Order of St. Francis.

Intermediate Goals: 1. To critique our personal and communal lives in relation to:
God
The created world and
Other people

in the light of:
Scripture
Search
Go to My Brethren
Documents of Vatican II

(To be achieved prior to Homecoming.)

2. To awaken, nourish, and challenge those dynamic energies present within each Sister, enabling her to creatively respond to the unfolding call of liberation and at-one-ment within herself, the religious community, and all people of God.

Objectives: To deepen and celebrate the unfolding call of:
our SSJ heritage
our Judaic-Christian heritage
our Franciscan heritage
our mission as women in ministry
our commitment to the future.

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August 19, 1975

Sister Mary Cecilia Zielen
Sisters of St. Joseph
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My dear Sister Mary Cecilia,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of August 8.

I am honored to receive your kind invitation to serve as keynote speaker for your Jubilee celebration.

The preferred dates for me would be June 28, 29, or 30, since I try to keep Sabbaths and weekends for my family.

With warmest personal good wishes and my prayers for God's richest blessings on you and your Sisters.

Faithfully,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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