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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW YORK, July 23....Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious
Affairs Director of the American Jewish Committee who has been termed "the
leading figure among Jewish ecumenists," will be one of five outstanding
world religious personalities to receive honorary degrees as the highlight
of the Anniversary Ecumenical Institute at Assumption College, Worcester,
Mass., on August 17.

The other recipients of the honorary doctorate degrees are: Jan
Cardinal Willebrands, Roman Catholic Primate of The Netherlands, who is also
President of the Vatican Secretariat for Religious Relations With the Jews, and
President of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity; Archbishop Iakavos,
Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church for North and South America; Dr. Cynthia
C. Wedell, former President, National and World Council of Churches; and
Rev. Dr. Wallace W. Robbins, first President of the Worcester Ecumenical
Council.

The conferring of the degrees will inaugurate a six-day institute

(August 17-22) at Assumption College on "Ecumenism: The Next Decade,"

during which Christian and Jewish leaders in interreligious affairs will

review the outlook for the future in these fields during the coming decade.

The institute on Ecumenism is being held to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Father Emmanual D'Alzon, founder of the Augustinians of the Assumption, the religious organization that sponsors Assumption College.

Among the subjects to be examined at workshops and panel sessions at the institute will be: interfaith education; Jewish-Christian dialogue: the next decade; Third World agenda for an Ecumenical dialogue; local and regional Ecumenism; life/death issues in an age of science and technology; and Holocaust awareness.

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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director The American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, N.Y. 10022

June 30, 1980

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Your letter of May 20 has finally caught up with me after being forwarded from Worcester to my office in New York and from there to Notre Dame University and finally back to Worcester. Please excuse the delay in responding to your questions.

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I am enclosing "rough" zerox copies of the FINAL PROGRAM (at the printer) and some items of general information on the week-long event.

Once again, please excuse this delay in replying to your letter. I shall be in my New York office the week of July 13. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Luc E. Martel, A.A.

Program Coordinator

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August 12, 1980

Mr. Joseph H. Hagan, President Assumption College 500 Salisbury Street Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Mr. Hagan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt in our offices of your recent letter to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum.

The Rabbi is on vacation. I called him and read your gracious invitation to him. He is most grateful to you and Mrs. Hagan, and is looking forward to joining you and your other distinguished guests at the Maison Francaise on Sunday, August 17, at 5:00 P.M.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Rita P. Reznik Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum ASSUMPTION COLLEGE



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500 SALISBURY ST. WORCESTER, MASS. 01609

August 4, 1980

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Mrs. Hagan and I request the pleasure of your company for aperitifs and Sunday supper to be held in honor of you and your other distinguished colleagues who will receive honorary degrees at the convocation opening the Anniversary Ecumenical Institute.

This affair will be held in the Maison Française on the Assumption College Campus, Sunday, August 17, at 5:00 P.M.

We look forward to being with you on this happy occasion.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Hagan

President

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum Director, Dept. of Inter-Religious Affairs American Jewish Committee 165 East 65th Street New York, N Y

neg folder July 18, 1980 Father Luc E. Martel, A.A. Program Coordinator The Assumptionists 329 West 108th Street New York, New York 10025 Dear Father Martel, Thanks very much for sending me acopy of the program for the August 17th convocation. This will help me in planning my schedule for that week. I look forward with much pleasure to seeing you at that time. With warmest good wishes for a pleasant, restful, and above all a

peaceful Summer, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum National Director Interreligious Affairs

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Enclosures

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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

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All of us at Assumption look forward to being with you at that time.

Sincerely,

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President

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO BE HONORED AT ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE (180)

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May 20, 1980

The Rev. Luc E. Martel
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Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

My dear Father Martel,

I appreciate very much your recent thoughtful telephone call during which you informed me of your most gracious decision for my inclusion among the recipients of your ecumenical awards.

I am both deeply moved and honored to be included among such an august body. It will give me particular pleasure to be with Cardinal Willebrands again, having had the privilege of being associated with him and Cardinal Bea during and since Vatican Council II.

It would help me to have a more detailed outline for your August 17th program.

Again, with warmest personal good wishes and my prayers for God's richest blessings over you,

Faithfully,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum National Director Interreligious Affairs

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BC: Bert Gold Selma Hirsh Bob Jacobs Mort Yarmon

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date July 28, 1980

to Marc Tanenbaum

from Mort Yarmon

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Just had a call from the Anglo-Jewish paper in Worcester, expressing interest in the Assumption College event. I sent on a photo, which was asked for. If you get any advance stuff, you might send it on, to:

Ms Sandy Davis, Feature Editor Newish Chronicle-Leader 340 Main St. (Suite 551) Worcester, Mass. 01608

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