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A Fresh Look at
Nostra Aetate
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The landmark declaration, Nostra Aetate, by the Roman Catholic bishops at the Second Vatican Council in Rome 20 years ago condemned anti-Semitism. It said, "Jesus' death cannot be blamed upon all the Jews then living, without distinction, nor upon the Jews of today."

Has that statement made a difference? The consensus is that Vatican II fundamentally altered the way Catholics and Jews view each other. While tensions remain, dialogue exists, as in the Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies here at Siena College.

Among the reforms already initiated by Roman Catholics in America to honor this statement are the purging of textbooks of anti-Jewish material, the removal of anti-Semitic prayers from liturgies, the changing of teaching at seminaries about Jews and Judaism.

Continuing this spirit of mutual knowledge, appreciation and respect at Siena, three theologians — Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant — will provide a fresh look at Jewish-Christian relationships in this colloquium 20 years after Vatican II.

The colloquium will provide scholarly insights, philosophical musings and gentle dissent as the three theologians wrestle with each other's thoughts and discuss the current situation with their audiences.

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Program

Session One
Sunday, Oct. 27, Roger Bacon Hall
3:30 p.m. Registration
4:00 p.m. Introductions, Rabbi Hayyim H. Kieval, Director, Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, Siena College
Welcome
The Rev. Hugh F. Hines, O.F.M., President, Siena College
Lecture
20 Years After — A Jewish Perspective
Professor David Novak, Baruch College, City University of New York
Responses
Professor Joseph Blenkinsopp, University of Notre Dame
Professor Robert L. Wilken, University of Virginia
Discussion

Session Two
Monday, Oct. 28, Roger Bacon Hall
10 a.m. Lecture
20 Years After — A Catholic Perspective
Professor Joseph Blenkinsopp, University of Notre Dame
Responses
Professor Robert L. Wilken, Professor David Novak
Discussion
12:30 p.m. Luncheon Serra Hall
Prepared and served according to Jewish dietary rules
Remarks
The Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, Bishop of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese

Session Three
Monday, Oct. 28, Roger Bacon Hall
2 p.m. Lecture
20 Years After — A Protestant Perspective
Professor Robert L. Wilken, University of Virginia
Responses
Professor David Novak, Professor Joseph Blenkinsopp
Discussion

4 p.m. Summation
Rabbi Hayyim H. Kieval

Speakers
David Novak
Joseph Blenkinsopp
Robert L. Wilken

David Novak, Rabbi at Congregation Darchay Noam in Far Rockaway, N.Y., has written widely on such topics as human rights, law and ethics, nuclear war and Jewish studies. He gave a major paper at the April 1985 Colloquium on Nostra Aetate in Rome. He is currently adjunct professor of philosophy at Baruch College, CUNY, and the New School for Social Research. Rabbi Novak received his Ph.D. at Georgetown University and his rabbinical ordination at Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His most recent book is Halakhah in a Theological Dimension: Essays on the Interrelationship of Law and Theology in Judaism.

Joseph Blenkinsopp, the John A. O'Brien Professor of Biblical Studies at the University of Notre Dame, has published and lectured widely on Jewish-Christian relations. Professor Blenkinsopp has been at Notre Dame since 1970. Born in England, he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Oxford. His recent publications include Prophecy and Canon: A Contribution to the Study of Jewish Origins; Wisdom and Law in the Old Testament; and A History of Prophecy in Israel. He has served as Rector of the Ecumenical Institute, Tantur, Israel.

Robert L. Wilken, Commonwealth Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Virginia, has taught at the University of Notre Dame, Fordham University and the Lutheran School of Theology. Professor Wilken, a Lutheran, is an expert on early church history. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and has written extensively on Christian-Jewish topics. His books include The Christians as the Romans Saw Them; John Chrysostom and the Jews; Jews and Christians at Antioch and Judaism and the Early Christian Mind. Professor Wilken is associate editor of The Religious Studies Review.

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___ Opening Session, Oct. 27, 4-6 p.m.

___ Morning Session, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-noon

___ Afternoon Session, Oct. 28, 2:43 p.m.

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