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The Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh  
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My dear Father Ted,

Your letter of July 8th was a most welcome one.

The concept of the conference that you are convening in relation to the Pontifical Council for Culture is an extraordinarily gifted one. I feel privileged to be invited by you and I am honored to accept your thoughtful invitation.

I first heard about the Pontifical Council during our last joint meeting with Vatican authorities in Milan and we had an opportunity to discuss its importance at that time.

I hope everything has been going well with you. I need to come back to you about trying to help out on the immigration and refugee front. I have been working closely with Archbishop Bevilacqua and others in several interreligious efforts in support of enlightened refugee policy.

With warmest good wishes for a pleasant and restful summer, I am,

Cordially, as ever,

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Dear Marc:

As you may have heard, last year Pope John Paul II established a Pontifical Council for Culture. The initial twelve members, from twelve different countries across the world, met with the Holy Father in Rome last January and will meet with him again next January.

At our first meeting, I suggested that it might be a good idea to have the Council meet in various parts of the world with scholars who are concerned generally with culture and its various manifestations across the world. We have been planning the first such meeting at the University of Notre Dame next November 21-23, Monday through Wednesday, of this year. The general theme of our conference would be "Gaudium et Spes and Culture." As you know, the Vatican II document entitled "Gaudium et Spes," The Church and the World Today, first initiated in a formal conciliar document the interaction between the Church and culture. This has been a particularly fruitful theme that occurs again and again in most of the allocutions of Pope John Paul II. It seemed a good place to begin our discussions.

The suggested program for the three days is as follows:

I. Monday, November 21. Theme: Gaudium et Spes and Culture

- A.M. Gaudium et Spes: How it came to be; what it tried to do; what it has achieved (Bernard Lambert, O.P., Quebec)
- P.M. The meaning of culture; dialogue with culture; the evangelization of culture (Herve Carrier, S.J., Rome)

II. Tuesday, November 22. Theme: Gaudium et Spes and Latin America

- A.M. The impact of Gaudium et Spes on the life of the Church in Latin America; Medellin, Puebla, and the pastoral realization of this process (Archbishop Mark McGrath, C.S.C., Panama)
- P.M. The influence of Gaudium et Spes in the problematic of the evangelization of culture in Latin America; evangelization, liberation, and popular culture (Juan Carlos Scannone, S.J., Buenos Aires, Argentina)

III. Wednesday, November 23, Theme: Gaudium et Spes and North America

- A.M. The issue of war and peace; the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter (J. Bryan Hehir, Washington, D.C.)
- P.M. The dialogue of economics; The Canadian Bishops' Pastoral Letter (Bishop Remi de Roo, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)

I am enclosing a list of members of the Pontifical Council for Culture. All of them will be invited, as well as about fifty other invitees as listed. To those who intend to come, I will also send the background materials on the Pontifical Council for Culture.

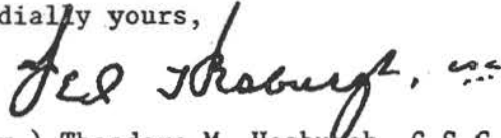
I regret that we do not have funds to cover travel costs to the conference, but I can extend the hospitality of the University for room and lodging for the three days of conference. Lodging will be in the Morris Inn on the campus and the meetings will take place in our Center for Continuing Education, across the road from the Inn. It would be best to arrive on Sunday night, November 20. Of course, lodging would continue for those who would wish to remain the night of the 23rd. For non-Americans, I should indicate that November 24 is our national holiday of Thanksgiving.

The format for the conference is quite informal with a 45 minute introductory paper, followed by a short commentary by one or two members of the Pontifical Council and then open discussion from the guests present. We would hope to publish the proceedings after the conference. Simultaneous translation will be available in French, English, and Spanish.

I do hope it will be possible for you to accept this invitation to what promises to be an important conference. I await word from you.

All best wishes.

Cordially yours,



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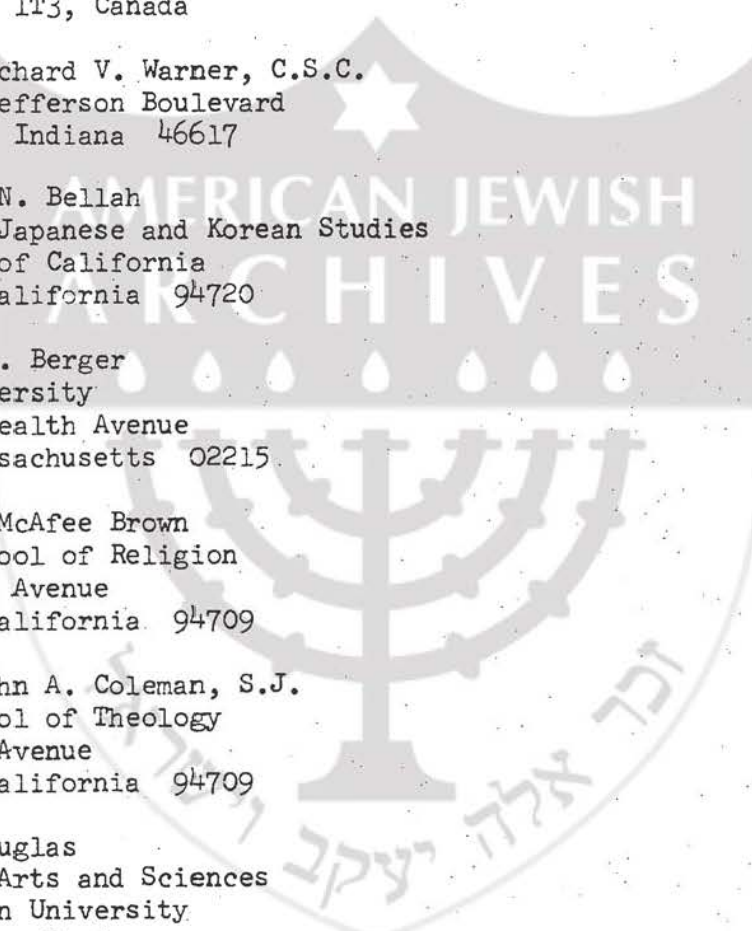
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