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PHILADELPHIA - His Eminence John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia, the R. v. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum of the American Jewish Committee will receive the Gold Medallion of the Chapel of Four Chaplains here on February 11, at an ecumenical reception, it was announced today.

The three religious leaders will be honored for their decades-long contributions to advancing ecumenical and inter-religious understanding, according to Norman Klauder, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Four Chaplains Chapel. The chapel is named ~~after~~ after four Christian and Jewish chaplains who sacrificed their lives during World War II in order to save the lives of soldiers being transported on the USS Dorchester.

Rabbi Tanenbaum served for 25 years as national interreligious affairs director ~~during~~ of American Jewish Committee during which time he established the foundations of the AJC's far-flung programs in improved understanding with Catholics, Protestants, Evangelical Christians, Greek Orthodox, black churches, and Hispanics. He was designated in a recent national poll as one of "the ten most respected and influential religious leaders in America." New York magazine, in a cover story, designated Rabbi Tanenbaum as "the foremost Jewish ecumenical leader in the world today."

Rabbi Tanenbaum is currently director of the international relations department of the AJC and is responsible for the agency's relationships with the Vatican, the World Council of Churches, and other world Christian, Muslim, and other religious bodies.

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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

All of us at the Chapel of Four Chaplains are proud that you will be our guest at our Anniversary Banquet on February 11, 1986, at The Bellevue Stratford Hotel. Your presence, along with that of Norman Vincent Peale and John Cardinal Krol, will contribute immeasurably to the ecumenical value of our gathering. We have already heard from many friends of the Chapel who have expressed delight and gratitude that you have honored us by accepting our invitation.

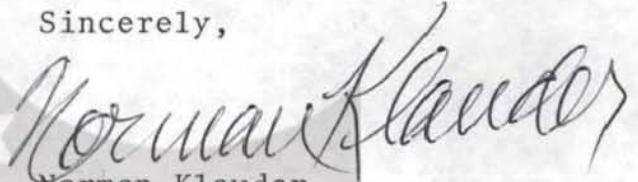
The reception, prior to the dinner, will last from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m., and the dinner will immediately follow. The program is fairly brief, consisting mainly of the presentation of the Gold Medallion to you, the Cardinal and Dr. Peale, response by each of you, as you choose, the presentation of the Louis Parris Hall of Heroes Award to a heroic chaplain or civilian clergyman yet to be named, and the presentation of the Golden Heart Award to an outstanding woman yet to be named. As you, Dr. Peale and the Cardinal are our guests of honor, we leave the time frame of your remarks to your own discretion. There will also be a brief musical program provided by the Union League Glee Club.

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If you will inform Dr. James Eric Pierce, our Senior Chaplain, of your accommodation needs at the hotel, he will see that they are met.

You have honored us by accepting our invitation to receive the Gold Medallion. I, personally, and all those associated with The Chapel of Four Chaplains, extend to you our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,



Norman Klauder
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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