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**CARDINAL O'CONNOR NAMED MODERATOR
OF CATHOLIC-JEWISH RELATIONS**

WASHINGTON--The National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) announced today that Cardinal John O'Connor of New York has been named Episcopal Moderator for Catholic-Jewish Relations for the NCCB Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA).

Cardinal O'Connor will serve throughout Archbishop William H. Keeler's term as President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop Keeler, who had been serving since 1988 as Episcopal Moderator for Catholic-Jewish Relations, was elected last week to a three-year term as President of the NCCB. Archbishop Keeler is Archbishop of Baltimore.

Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee is Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA). Dr. Eugene J. Fisher serves as staff for Catholic-Jewish Relations for the BCEIA.

In a November 20 letter to Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop Weakland wrote: "Archbishop Keeler and I feel that you would be both ideally suited to do this for the BCEIA, not only geographically since so many of the national Jewish groups are headquartered in New York, but also personally."

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