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PAST, FUTURE TWIN FOCUSES
OF CHRISTIAN-JEWISH WORKSHOP

WASHINGTON--"Coming to grips with our past: Forging our future" will be the theme of the 9th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations, to be held May 13-16, 1986 in Baltimore.

The theme was announced in Washington by Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, national chairman of the workshop.

Dr. Fisher is director of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

The workshops are held regularly at 18-month intervals and are sponsored jointly by the NCCB Secretariat, the Office of Christian-Jewish Relations of the National Council of Churches, and the Committee on Interreligious Affairs of the Synagogue Council of America.

Other cooperating agencies are the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The workshops have been called "the most significant regular meetings of Christians and Jews in the world today" by Bishop

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James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the NCCB.

During the 1986 workshop, several of America's foremost religious scholars, both Jewish and Christian, will trace the history of both faiths, including the parting of the ways during the early years of Christianity and the changes in the relationship which occurred during the late medieval period, the Reformation and the Enlightenment. Then, according to Dr. Fisher, there will be reflections on the experiences of the 20th century, including the Holocaust, and an exploration of the possibilities for dialogue and joint social action in the future.

After the workshop's plenary sessions, participants will divide into smaller groups according to special interests for presentation and discussions.

Plenary speakers will include: Dr. Jeremy Cohen of Cornell University; Dr. Michael Cook of Hebrew Union College; Dr. Alice Eckardt of Lehigh University; Dr. John Gager of Princeton University; Rabbi Irving Greenberg of the National Jewish Resource Center; Rev. Daniel Harrington, S.J. of the Weston School of theology; Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of Columbia University; Dr. Martha Himmelfarb of Princeton University; Rev. John Pawlikowski, O.S.M. of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago; Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan of Yale University; Dr. Jakob Petuchowski of Harvard University; and Dr. Paul M. Van Buren of Temple University.

Those interested in attending the workshop can receive a detailed program and registration form by contacting: 9th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations; 5400 Roland Avenue; Baltimore, Md. 21210.

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