



# Mission Update

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## Migration Advocates Raise Wide Range of Concerns at Conference

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A five-day conference in Washington for people involved in church-sponsored migration work highlighted the enormity of their task and the everyday challenges faced by U.S. immigrants.

During the July 6-10 church-sponsored National Migration Conference, nearly 800 migration advocates from various Catholic agencies looked for answers and support to problems ranging from international trafficking in human beings to how to get visas for foreign priests to work with immigrant communities. They also raised concerns about easing legal status for immigrants and discussed U.S.-Mexican border issues.

Conference speakers, including church and government officials and migration advocates, spoke about Catholic social teaching on migration, immigration law and policies, refugee admissions and resettlement and multicultural approaches to pastoral care.



Bishop Paride Taban of Torit

“To be Catholic is to be about connections,” Father J. Bryan Hehir, president of Catholic Charities USA, told conference participants in the opening keynote address.

He said that in the United States, with its long history of welcoming immigrants but a current political and legal environment that is increasingly hostile to them, Catholics have a responsibility to bring together the two diverse approaches, and their advocates.

The church’s ability to mix policy advocacy with pastoral care and its mixture of local, national and universal structures make the Catholic Church uniquely situated — and powerful — when it comes to shaping society’s approach to immigrants, he added.

When speakers from various federal agencies addressed the group and gave a positive picture of what the government has done and would continue to do for immigrants, many conference participants were not entirely convinced.

“The status quo is simply unacceptable,” said Mark Franken, director of Migration and Refugee Services for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. “We can, as a nation, do better for these folks,” Franken said, specifically referring to refugees and asylum seekers.

One participant asked what the State Department was specifically doing to speed up the rate of refugee admissions and others asked why there is currently

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**THAT THE CHURCH IN AMERICA, CELEBRATING THE SECOND AMERICAN MISSIONARY CONGRESS IN GUATEMALA, MAY BE INSPIRED TO MORE GENEROUS EVANGELIZING ACTIVITY EVEN BEYOND HER OWN FRONTIERS.**

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## From the Director

Rosanne Rustemeyer, SSND

Somehow the days of summer have given way to autumn as we celebrate Labor Day.

The past months have been busy at USCMA as we planned the upcoming conference in Milwaukee, started preparations for a Mission Symposium for 2004 in collaboration with the Glenmary Home Missioners and Mission Department Professors at Catholic Theological Union and the Gospel and Culture Network. Also beginning to take shape is the program for the Mission Congress in 2005.

There is a real effort to look at mission as it impacts our church and world in this first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. There seem to be tremendous implications for the Christian community and all of humanity as issues raised in Redemptoris Missio begin to take precedence on the mission scene. The areas of displaced peoples, youth and environmental issues are key to missionary efforts.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Milwaukee for the Conference and Annual Meeting. It promises to be a great program!

USCMA is grateful to all of you who have helped with our Mission Appeals across the country. Kevin has given many hours to scheduling the appeals and has traveled to a number of parishes himself.

### Update on the USCMA Resolution on Trafficking!

By Mary Ann Smith, MM

There have been a number of positive advancements in the work of ECPAT USA and USCCB Migration Refugee Services on behalf of children and adults who are victims of trafficking both within the US and on the international level.

"Human Trafficking: The Scourge and the Solution" was a focus of Migrant Refugee Service in conjunction with the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking at the Conference in July. This educational opportunity covered a wide range of topics including the who, how, where and why questions; case studies from four continents; protection of persecuted and trafficked persons; services to child and adult victims; policies to eliminate trafficking.

Further information is available at [info@ecpatusa.org](mailto:info@ecpatusa.org) or [mdougherty@usccb.org](mailto:mdougherty@usccb.org).

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Former staff member and current board member Megeen White married Russ Testa, a USCMA member, July 5<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Arlington, Va. Board President and Megeen's Co-Director Joe Nangle, OFM officiated. The whole



day gave joyous witness not only to the love that the couple holds for each other but, their special love for Africa and all of God's creation. We are delighted to join with their families in praying that God blesses the happy couple in their new life together.

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a 14-year backlog for asylees to sort out their legal status and why it's become so difficult for foreign religious workers to obtain visas.

One of the "lost boys" from Sudan — young refugees who have been resettled in the United States after up to a decade in refugee camps — asked what was being done to assist those who arrived with physical disabilities, such as severed limbs. Another wanted to know how he could reconnect with family members in Sudan he has located since he reached this country. These young men also met with members of Congress during a lobbying session of the conference.

"We are happy to be here, but we worry about those back home," said 18-year-old James Nai.

Another Sudanese youth, Elijah Riek, 20, spoke of friends from his homeland who had completed the documentation for resettlement, but after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, "everything was blocked."

Solutions weren't readily available for many of the issues raised during the conference, although some officials promised to look into specific problems such as obtaining visas for religious workers.

But for many participants, simply finding out what others in immigration work were doing energized them for their work.

Refugee resettlement workers, immigration attorneys, people who try to meet newcomers' pastoral needs and those who provide social services regularly meet with their own counterparts from around the country. But this joint meeting — sponsored by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., known as CLINIC, and MRS — was the first of its kind.

Many of the sessions aimed to prepare participants for lobbying visits with members of Congress and their staffs.

In one session, Don Kerwin, executive director of CLINIC, told participants that the Catholic Church as an institution has 2,000 years of expertise with migrants.

"Catholic social teaching could not reverence migrants any more than it does," he said, explaining why church-based advocates are battling recent government initiatives such as indefinite detention of asylum seekers and national profiling.

"As a church we recognize security as an important value, but not as the only one," Kerwin said. "Our vision extends well beyond security."

Jeanne Butterfield, executive director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, outlined 10 areas that the immigration advocacy community is emphasizing. They include things as simple as speeding up the processing time of

applications for routine work permits and eliminating backlogs that currently mean waits of 14 years for asylum applicants to regularize their legal status.

She and other speakers touched on restrictions and new requirements of immigrants imposed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. They include special registration requirements for immigrants from certain countries and the policy of deporting even longtime legal residents for what previously were treated as minor infractions, such as failing to submit a change-of-address form.

"The war on terrorism has become a war on immigrants and refugees," Butterfield said, noting that even the Justice Department's inspector general recently issued a report critical of the agency's new policies that it said "fly in the face of common sense."

In the closing address, the Mexican secretary of governance, Santiago Creel, quoted from a joint U.S.-Mexican bishops' document about border issues and said it is time for the two governments to return to the path toward relaxed migration restrictions that was pushed aside by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Paradoxically, the terrorist attacks that delayed the discussion on migration make even more evident the need to reach a migratory understanding between our two nations," he said.

Creel, who is responsible for coordinating Mexican domestic policies, including border security issues, said it is "time for us to explore new alternatives" to the U.S. policy of containment on its southern border.

Other conference speakers addressed the issue of forced labor, saying that the Catholic Church and other religious organizations have been helpful in identifying the exploitation of men, women and children in this practice, but that more needs to be done.

John Picarelli, project analyst at the Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at American University in Washington, said the church can raise awareness about the need for "consumer activism" to identify and ban goods produced by slave labor.

Human rights activist Harry Wu spoke of the current existence of laogai — the name of a system of Chinese forced labor prisons — and his campaigns to make people aware that products made by forced labor in the prisons continue to find their way to U.S. markets.

For now, he is pleased with a minor victory: the newest edition of the Oxford English Dictionary which contains the word laogai for the first time.

"I can go to my grave with my eyes closed," said Wu, confident that he accomplished his goal of teaching the world about the horrors of the laogai system.

## A Missionary Reflects...

by Maura Brown, SND

As one of the 800 participants of the National Migration Conference, a sign of hope for me was the increasing efforts to "Welcome the Stranger"\* by a variety of people networked across the USA. The theme of the conference, "All Come Bearing Gifts" spoke to me of the gifts "Strangers" have brought to the USA over the years and continue to do so today. My question was, "How open are we as Americans to receiving the gifts of today's strangers?" After all a gift is only a gift when it has been received. Part of our mission today is to help the USA receive the gifts of the "Stranger".

As the "first born" of immigrant parents, I grew up in a neighborhood of Irish, Italian and Canadian immigrants. We worked hard as our lives centered around our local parish where our gifts were received and nourished. This was positive for me compared to the negative experiences of some of today's "strangers".



Some of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan

During a 1982 summer legal internship at the Haitian Refugee Center, Inc. in Miami, I frequently visited Krome Detention Center to interview Boat People and work on their political asylum applications. What about the gifts they were bringing to the USA? Were their gifts rejected and were they detained, denied asylum and deported because of their skin color? In Miami, I was part of a small group who were busy "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us"\*. However, once I left Miami it was hard to find anyone concerned about the Boat People in Krome.

Over the years, media reports have pointed out a growing backlash against the "Stranger". Immigrants have been increasingly detained, deported and even called terrorists while our legislation has become more repressive of the stranger at our doors.

The National Conference on Migration brought together a diversity of people, all united in welcoming the stranger, recognized and received their gifts. In spite of the negative press, a receptive community has been growing and continues to grow within our Church. Each of the conference participants works with a large number of people in many local areas together making up a larger network of people welcoming the stranger across the United States. This together with our Justice and Peace efforts to change the conditions that cause refugees and boat people are a sign of hope for the future.

\*See statement of US Catholic Bishops. "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us" .November 15, 2000,

## In Memoria

**Rev. Charles S. Walter, MCCJ**

**19 August, 1940 - 7 May, 2003**

Charles S. Walter's journey through life was an international and multicultural experience, lived brilliantly in the service of the church and the Comboni missionary congregation he deeply loved. Most recently Father Walter served as the associate director of the Chicago Center for Global Ministries.

Towards the end of his life, he told the Provincial Superior, Fr. Dennis Conway, "God has a sense of humor. He has given me peace about my death, because that's the natural course of things, but it still drives me crazy, when they bring me cold mashed potatoes."

**Rev. Alan Preston Neely**

**3 November, 1928 - 14 May, 2003**

Reverend Neely was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and was reared in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1963, he was appointed as a missionary teacher to Int'l Baptist Theological Seminary in Colombia, South America. He served on the faculties of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and later Princeton Theological Seminary.

Because of his lifelong work building a community of love and understanding among people of different faiths, the U.S. Catholic Mission Association awarded Rev. Neely their Annual Mission Award in 2002.

Alan is survived by his wife of 52 years, Virginia Garrett Neely, three children and grandchildren.

**Rev. Jerome "Jerry" Thompson**

**29 April, 1940 - 17 May, 2003**

Father Thompson was born on April 29, 1940 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was ordained for the priesthood May 28, 1966 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee.

Father Thompson held a variety of pastoral positions within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee including the Archdiocesan Coordinator of Spanish-Speaking Affairs, and chaplain pro tem to minister to Cuban refugees at Army Headquarters, at Fort McCoy in Sparta, Wisconsin. He worked with the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), after attending the Pontifical Institute for Islamic Studies in Rome. He was coordinator of English ministry in the Prelature of Tunisia. Father Thompson served for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem on the island of Cyprus in the late 90's. Most recently, he was released to the Diocese of San Juan de La Maguana in the Dominican Republic to serve at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's sister parish, LaSagrada Familia in Azua. In May, Father Thompson suffered a brain embolism while home in Milwaukee for a brief visit.

## Kindness is Key to Evangelization, Cardinal Tells Portland Conference

By Ed Langlois Catholic News Service

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Kindness is the “great key” to making Christian disciples, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick told an international gathering of Catholic leaders July 9 in Portland.

“Deep in my heart I believe that evangelization is intimately related to charity,” said the cardinal, head of the Archdiocese of Washington. “If we are unkind, if we are arrogant, if we are proud, we will never find people open to our message.”

The address began the four-day North American Institute for Catholic Evangelization, a gathering that signaled the importance the church has put on spreading the Gospel message.

The sessions drew about 470 church workers to Oregon, which has one of the lowest church-attendance rates in the nation.

At the institute were bishops, pastors, heads of religious communities, chiefs of diocesan and national church offices and parish ministers from the United States, Canada, Latin America and Great Britain. All hope to implement Pope John Paul II’s consistent calls for the Catholic Church to be an evangelizing church.

“We cannot be church without being missionary,” Cardinal McCarrick said, citing exhortations to evangelization first from Jesus and more recently from Pope John Paul, Pope Paul VI and the Second Vatican Council.

He called on every diocese, parish, seminary and especially every Catholic school to be institutions that draw people to discipleship. “We must take every opportunity in every Catholic school to talk about God,” Cardinal McCarrick said. “Exalt in joy in our faith so it will be catching. ... A parish with a school is a wonderful place for evangelization. What a disaster it is to lose it.”

He also urged every Catholic to talk to others about the faith. “If you really love your neighbor, what is the best thing you can give him or her? Your faith,” he said, speaking in a sports dome at the Catholic-run University of Portland.

He suggested that spiritual revitalization precede outreach, saying that Catholics who evangelize must be “totally committed” to the Lord they have encountered in the Gospels, the sacraments and in the believing community.

“The evangelist must speak from the heart,” said the cardinal. “If it is not alive in us, it is not alive in what we preach. ... We are an evangelizing church and without Jesus we are nothing.”

Cardinal McCarrick advised potential evangelizers to gain experiences so they can tell the Gospel story in a way that makes sense to people trying to negotiate everyday life.

“You’ve got to see their hopes, their sorrows,” he told listeners. “You have to know what makes them laugh and what makes them cry. You have to answer the questions they ask.”

He warned against the kind of evangelization that dilutes the Christian message to make it more acceptable.

“We have to tell it like it is,” he said. “There is no place in evangelization for those who will say, ‘I’ll preach this, I won’t

preach that. I believe this, I don’t believe that’ — the so-called cafeteria Catholicism. Jesus does not come in pieces.”

Taking terms from modern commerce, the cardinal told the church leaders that they must reflect the joy of Christianity to potential disciples.

“We are the chosen salespeople for Jesus Christ,” he said. “And kindness is the great key to evangelization. Do you buy from a cranky salesman? The good news of Jesus can only be proclaimed through kindness and love.”

In a homily delivered at the first Mass of the conference July 10, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, Ill., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the church cannot let its current scandal deter it from its core mission of delivering the joyful news of salvation.

“The church’s evangelization cannot begin in doubt and despair,” he said.

He called on all Catholics to avoid being timid in talking about Christ as their direction. He also called for integrity.

“The greatest challenge we face is that which all missionaries and indeed every parent faces,” Bishop Gregory concluded. “Our lived witness is the only way we can change the hearts of those we seek to convince that Christ Jesus is the only enduring and true light of the world.”

In another presentation July 10, media and communications expert Sister Angela Ann Zukowski, a member of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, told the conference participants that the communications age might leave the ancient church behind.

“With or without us, this culture is going to move ahead,” she said. “It is not going to say to the church, ‘We are waiting for you to catch up.’”

Young Catholics are touched and formed by music, television, and now increasingly the Internet, said Sister Zukowski, a professor at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

The church has always sought to tell the Gospel story and offer church life with every means possible, beginning with oral tradition, scrolls and then the printing press. As early as the 1970s, Vatican documents proclaimed “confidence and enthusiasm” in the electronic media then on the rise.

In the face of growing secularism, the eclipse of mystery, ascendant individualism, fundamentalism, and dazzling entertainment, she asked, “How can we offer an attractive vision of faith in the face of all the other appealing alternatives?”

The answer, she said, is allowing “artisans of faith” to get to work. The church must call its Web designers, musicians and writers to the forefront, she said

## Collaboration Yields Results!

Catholic Network of Volunteer Services (CNVS) will host a pre-conference workshop entitled "Intercultural Development and Communication Workshop" at their annual conference in Los Angeles, November 13, 2003. The session will be facilitated by Dr. Maureen Connors and is the result of on-going collaboration between CNVS, the St. Vincent Pallotti Center and USCMA.

The workshop session will focus on the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) as an instrument that can be used to assess the intercultural sensitivity of an individual or a group. Based upon Dr. Milton Bennett's Development Model of Intercultural Sensitivity (DMIS) the IDI was developed and tested by Dr. Mitchell Hammer and has been found to be statistically reliable and a valid measure of intercultural sensitivity. The DMIS provides a six stage framework to explain why people react to cultural differences.

"The underlying assumption of the DMIS is that as one's experience of cultural difference becomes more complex and sophisticated one's competence in intercultural relations increases. Each stage indicates a particular cognitive structure that is expressed in certain kinds of attitudes and behavior related to cultural difference. By recognizing the underlying cognitive orientation toward cultural difference, predictions about behavior and attitudes can be made and education can be tailored to facilitate development."<sup>[1]</sup>

The workshop is designed as a "training the trainers" session for those responsible for the formation of those preparing to work in a cross-cultural setting. More information about this CNVS pre-conference workshop may be obtained by contacting Mr. James Lindsay at CNVS, 301-270-0900. For more information about the Intercultural Development Inventory visit [www.intercultural.org](http://www.intercultural.org). For information on how the IDI may be used in conjunction with *The Cultural Audit* consider attending USCMA's Pre-Conference Cultural Audit Track in Milwaukee, October 23-24, 2003.

<sup>[1]</sup> <http://www.intercultural.org/idi/idi.html>

## uscatholicmission.org is Growing, Maturing and Being Noticed.

Over the course of the past year our web site, [uscatholicmission.org](http://uscatholicmission.org), has witnessed tremendous growth both in the areas of content and traffic. We take this opportunity to highlight some of the improvements made at the site, how visitors (traffic) are accessing the web site and our plans for the future.

### Content Expands

Our "home" or "index" page is now updated regularly approximately every ten days. The revised "home" page layout has also changed to include sections for a calendar of events, employment opportunities, featured sites and news alerts when warranted. Members are invited to submit items for consideration. Beyond the "home" page, visitors discover an expanded site with greater depth, ease of navigation, updated resources, references, links, and additional USCMA publications. Optional preparation and follow-up materials for our annual conferences has also been added. Information regarding lay mission formation and language training services has been increased and is easily located using the new built-in search command. The inclusion of a calendar date at the bottom right of each page informs the reader of the timeliness of the information and gives witness to our on-going effort to keep every page updated.

### Increased Traffic without Gridlock

Monthly usage reports from March 2002 to March 2003 have demonstrated both a steady growth in the number of visitors and hits. Today, our average number of visitors per month has grown to 3,116. A visitor becomes labeled as a "visitor" by staying at the site for 60 seconds or more. The status/errors reports indicate that the overwhelming number of visitor (98.9%) do not have a problem accessing the site or its content. Direct addressing to the site by the use of our Universal Resource Locator or URL ([www.uscatholicmission.org](http://www.uscatholicmission.org)) is the most common way of accessing our site. Search engines are the next preferred manner of reaching the site, and the use of links to our site from other mission/volunteer websites ranks a distant third.

Google is the most commonly used search engine. This includes Google USA (com), Google Italy (it), Google Canada (ca), and Google Germany (de) followed by Yahoo.com. Our full name or initials are the most commonly use search criteria after the words "catholic" and/or "Mission..". AOL is the most popular domain use by those accessing the site while Internet Explorer 5 is the browser used by the majority of visitors. Windows 98 operating system is the most common operating system used by visitors followed by Windows 2000.

### Growing Stronger... Being of Greater Service

With the site's continued maintenance and improvement as one of the key operational goals approved by the board, the staff is constantly working to improve the site. To that end, USCMA applied for and received a grant from USCCB's Committee on the Home Missions for the site's on-going maintenance and development. We are grateful for these funds and will use them responsibly as we consider our next improvements and strategies to make the site an even greater resource for mission animation and service.

Currently our plans include the greater use of Adobe Acrobat PDF files because of their ease and speed of use. New resources for Short Term Mission (STEM) Programs, Solidarity Partnerships (Twinning), and Cross-Cultural Training are under development as is the inclusion of slide shows and streaming video.

## RESOURCES & UP-COMING EVENTS

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October 27 - November 2

A journey of hope and life along the US/Mexico border to raise awareness of the deaths along our southern border and the economic policies that contribute to them.

For more information, contact:

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### U.S. Catholic China Bureau

#### 20th National Catholic China Conference

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### Maryknoll Mission Institute Programs

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### Asian and Pacific Pastoral Statement in Asian Languages

The Pastoral Statement Asian and Pacific Presence: Harmony  
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## ORBIS BOOKS RECEIVED AT USCMA

A SELECTION OF BOOKS PUBLISHED BY ORBIS BOOKS, MARYKNOLL, NEW YORK

**Artisans of Peace: Grassroots Peacemaking among Christian Communities**, Edited by Mary Ann Cejka and Thomas Bamat, 2003

**Christ in the Margins**, by Robert Lentz and Edwina Gateley, 2003

**Flannery O'Connor Spiritual Writings**, Edited by Robert Ellsberg, 2003

**Getting a Life: How to Find Your True Vocation**, by Renée M. LaReau, 2003

**Inside a Catholic Church: A Guide to Signs, Symbols and Saints**, by Joseph M. Champlim, 2003

**Introducing Christianity**, by Sally Bruyneel and Allen G. Padgett, 2003

**Justice and Peace: A Christian Primer**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, J. Milburn Thompson, 2003

**Revelation and the Church: Vatican II in the Twenty-first Century**, Edited by Raymund A. Lucker and William C. McDonough, 2003

**The Dharma of Jesus, Essays by George M. Soares-Prabhu**, Edited by Francis Xavier D'Sa, 2003

**We Drink From Our Own Wells: The Spiritual Journey of a People**, 20<sup>th</sup> Edition, Gustavo Gutiérrez, 2003

**With Burning Hearts, A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life**, by Henri J. M. Nouwen, 2003

**Witness to the Kingdom**, by Jon Sobrino, 2003

## RECENT NON-ORBIS BOOKS RECEIVED

**The Seven Commandments of Discipleship: What God Asks of Us**, by Frank P. Desiano C.S.P., Paulist Press, 2003

**The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity**, by Philip Jenkins, Oxford University Press, 2002

# USCMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING

Hyatt Regency Hotel - Milwaukee, WI

October 24 - 26, 2003



**THE AIM OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO PROVIDE A VENUE FOR MISSIONERS TO:**

- EXAMINE ROOT CAUSES FOR DIVISIONS AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION
- FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORLDVIEW THAT SEEKS SOLIDARITY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT
- STRATEGIZE INTERVENTIONS THAT ADDRESS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, ECOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL INEQUALITIES
- ASSIST PARTICIPANTS TO MOVE TOWARD ENGAGEMENT AND ACTION

**Major Presentations by:**

- **GASPER F. LOBIONDO, SJ**, Dir. of Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University
- **MARGARET GUIDER, OSF**, Professor of Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
- **DAWN NOTHRWEH, OSF**, Assistant Professor of Ethics, Catholic Theological Union

PRE-CONFERENCE -- OCTOBER 23-24, 2003

**THEMES**

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- √ THE CULTURAL AUDIT, CONDUCTED BY THE CENTER FOR STUDY OF RELIGIOUS LIFE



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