

Annual Meeting Speaker to address Interfaith Understanding and Dialogue in Era of Blogosphere

Dr John Borelli, special assistant to the president of Georgetown University for Interreligious Initiatives will be the featured speaker at the Network of Religious Communities Annual Meeting to be held January 20, 2011. The title of his presentation will be "Learning New Lessons of Dialogue and Relationships in the Era of the Blogosphere."

Dr Borelli has served as the Special Assistant to the President of Georgetown University for Interreligious Initiatives since 2004. His efforts include an annual Institute on Christian-Muslim Relations for Pastors, Pastoral workers, Imams and Muslim Community Leaders sponsored by the Prince Alwaleed bin Talai Center, Hartford Seminary and Georgetown University.

Dr Borelli earned his Ph.D. from Fordham University and served more than 16 years as associate director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (1987-2003) and as a consultant to the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (1991-2007). He serves as National Coordinator for Interreligious Dialogue and Mission for the U. S. Jesuit Conference and coordinates the Woodstock Theological Center's Interreligious Dialogue on Education. He is the 2007 recipient of Rumni Forum's Peace and Dialogue Award and recently published an article on Jewish Catholic Relations in America Magazine.

The Network of Religious Communities is an organization of denominations, congregations and religious organizations located in and serving Western New York. The purpose of the NRC is to facilitate communication, understanding, cooperation and collaboration among its members and with the wider community. Member organizations include: Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian (Eastern, Protestant and Roman Catholic), Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Unitarian.

The Annual Meeting will be held 6:00 PM Thursday January 20, 2010 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 145 Goodell St, (corner of Michigan), Buffalo, NY. Tickets for the dinner and program are \$25.00 each. For information and reservations contact Dr Stan Bratton 716-882-4793 ext 201 or email ecustan@earthlink.net.