

## Here Comes Everybody: Don't Miss this Meeting

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The lineup of confirmed speakers for the May 6-7 National Catholic Reporter/Trinity Washington University Washington Briefing for the Nation's Catholic Community now includes:

- Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives
- E.J. Dionne, nationally syndicated columnist and author of *Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith and Politics After the Religious Right*
- Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), ranking member of the House Budget Committee and author of *A Roadmap for America's Future*
- Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS, executive director, NETWORK, a Catholic Social Justice Lobby.

Plus, we have added a panel at which NCR Senior Correspondent John L. Allen, Jr., currently in Rome, will discuss the fallout from the clergy sex abuse crisis in Europe.

For more information on the conference, and to register for this two-day event at the reduced group rate of \$395.00, please visit our updated [conference page](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

Previously confirmed speakers include:

### **Helen Alvare**

Former director of information and planning for the U.S. Bishops' pro-life office, and a professor of law at George Mason School of Law.

### **Sister Carol Keehan, DC**

President and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), the organization that played a pivotal role in the health care reform debate.

### **Thomas Patrick Melady**

U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See under President George H.W. Bush and Senior Diplomat in residence at The Institute of World Politics.

### **R. James Nicholson**

U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See and Secretary for Veterans Affairs under George W. Bush, and Senior Counsel in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck's Washington, D.C. office.

### **Archbishop Edwin Frederick O'Brien of Baltimore**

Formerly Archbishop of The Archdiocese for the Military Services of the United States, who recently addressed the U.S. Strategic Air Command on "Nuclear Weapons and Moral Questions: The Path to

Zero.?

**Thomas J. Reese, S.J.**

Senior fellow the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown and the former editor of America magazine.

**James Roosevelt, Jr.**

President and chief executive officer of Tufts Health Plan, a not-for-profit health maintenance organization (HMO).

**Patricia A. Weitzel-O'Neill**

Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Washington, recently appointed executive director of the Center for Catholic Education at Boston College's Lynch School of Education.

**John Zogby**

The nation's leading political pollster and Senior Fellow at the Catholic University of America's Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies.

**Hotel Accommodations:**

Hotel reservations may be made at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill where a discounted block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants. Transportation to and from the hotel to Trinity will be provided.

Expect two full days, beginning with continental breakfast, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 6 and closing with a keynoted dinner on Friday, May 7. All conference materials, two continental breakfasts and two luncheons, Thursday's wine and cheese reception on Capitol Hill, Friday dinner and transportation between the hotel and Trinity's campus are included in the registration fee.

If you have questions, call the National Catholic Reporter at 800-333-7373 or e-mail [support@ncronline.org](mailto:support@ncronline.org).

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