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## RNC chair Steele, Sen. Casey join NCR Washington Briefing

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Republican National Committee Chair Michael Steele

Republican National Committee Chair Michael Steele and Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., will both offer remarks at the May 6-7 *NCR* "Washington Briefing for the Nation's Catholic Community" Plus, we've added a panel on **The Catholic Vote: 2008, 2010, 2012**. Morna Murray, president of Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good will moderate the panel. Panelists are Dr. Patrick Whelan, president of Catholic Democrats and Mark Stricherz, author of *Why the Democrats are Blue: How Secular Liberals Hijacked the People's Party*.

A timely special presentation, **Catholics Confront the Abuse Scandal** with *NCR* senior correspondent and Vatican analyst John L. Allen, Jr. and *NCR* editor-at-large Tom Roberts has been included in the Washington Briefing agenda.

Participants in the two-day briefing will also engage with these presenters:

**Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Paul Ryan and E.J. Dionne**

**Health Care Reform** ? Moderator: Rev. Thomas Reese; Panel: Sr. Carol Keehan, James Roosevelt

**Abortion and the Significance of the Law** ? Helen Alvare

**The World We Live In: National Security** ? James Dyer, Michael Sheehy

**All Roads Lead to Rome: US-Vatican Relations in the 21st Century** ? Moderator: John Allen;  
Panel: Tom Melady, Jim Nicholson

**Catholic Education Challenges** ? Patty Weitzel O'Neill

**PLUS Luncheon speaker: John Zogby**

**AND Dinner keynote: Sr. Simone Campbell, Executive Director, Network**

**(Click to see biographical information on all speakers)**

For complete information on the conference, and to register for this two-day event at the *reduced group rate* of \$395.00, please visit our Washington Briefing page.

**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 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 *National Catholic Reporter* at 800-333-7373 or e-mail support@ncronline.org. Or you can call me (816-536-4199) or e-mail me, joefeuer@aol.com.

Many many thanks,

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