

Washington briefing for the nation's Catholic community

Joe Feuerherd | Mar. 25, 2010



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Dear Reader:

Between the ranting of the tea party crowd and the fractious debate in the Halls of Congress, is it possible for people of good will and different opinions (even different political parties) to learn from and with each other? To talk to each other and not at each other?

And shouldn't the Catholic community lead the way in this effort? The *National Catholic Reporter* and Trinity Washington University think so, which is why we're cosponsoring what promises to be an informative, exciting, empowering and entertaining two-day event May 6-7: a "Washington Briefing for the Nation's Catholic Community."

**A Washington Briefing for
the Nation's Catholic Community**

May 6-7, 2010

**on the campus of Trinity Washington University, Washington, D.C.
with hotel accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill**

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If you care about (and want the inside scoop on what's on the horizon regarding) the key issues facing our nation and world ? health care, nuclear weapons, U.S./Vatican relations, national security policy, education, expanding options for women facing crisis pregnancies, and much more ? you need to be a part of this first-of-its-kind conference.

We'll hear from (and engage with) both administration officials and Congressional leaders. Plus, our panelists and participants include:

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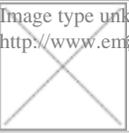
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John L. Allen, Jr., *NCR* Senior Correspondent whose most recent book is *The Future Church: How Ten Trends are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church*.

- 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.
- Joe Feuerherd, a former Congressional aide and registered lobbyist, now serving as *NCR* publisher and editor-in-chief.
- 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.
- Patricia McGuire, president of Trinity Washington University (for more on how Pat McGuire has

transformed Trinity to the premier inner-city Catholic University, [see this recent Washington Post story](#) [2].)

- 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."
- Fr. Thomas J. Reese, S.J., senior fellow at 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.

Visit our conference Web site, NCRonline.org/briefing [1], for more information on the May 6-7 conference or to register. We are offering our \$395 group discount to all NCR readers and that includes you! Choose the group discount button when you register!

Be sure to make your hotel reservations at the [Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill](#) [3] 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 7:30-8:30 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 university campus are included in your discounted registration fee.

If you have questions, please call us at 800-333-7373 or e-mail support@ncronline.org [4]. If you prefer not to receive any more conference updates via e-mail, please use the unsubscribe button below.

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