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Douglas Kmiec hospitalized after car accident

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NCR received confirmation this morning that Douglas Kmiec, the U.S. ambassador to Malta and former Pepperdine University law professor, was injured in a car accident yesterday in Malibu, Calif.

Kmiec, who has been a recent regular contributor to NCRonline.org, was in a car with Msgr. John Sheridan, former pastor of Our Lady of Malibu Parish and Sr. Mary Campbell, also of the parish, that crashed at Las Virgenes Canyon Road and Mulholland Drive Wednesday afternoon. Campbell was killed in the one-car collision.

Sheridan and Kmiec were taken to UCLA medical center. Kmiec was said to be in stable and in basically good condition this morning. Sheridan, who is 94, underwent surgery yesterday. *NCR* received no word on his prognosis.

Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angles visited the hospital last night.

A news report in the Times of Malta, gives these details about Kmeic:

> Kmiec, one of America's best known scholars and popular commentators on the law, came to Pepperdine after serving several years as dean and St. Thomas More Professor of Law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and for nearly two decades on the law faculty at the University of Notre Dame.
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> Kmiec was nominated by President Reagan and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), U.S. Department of Justice (1988-89). For several years before his presidential appointment (1985-87), he served together with (now Justice) Samuel A. Alito, Jr. as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in OLC.

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