

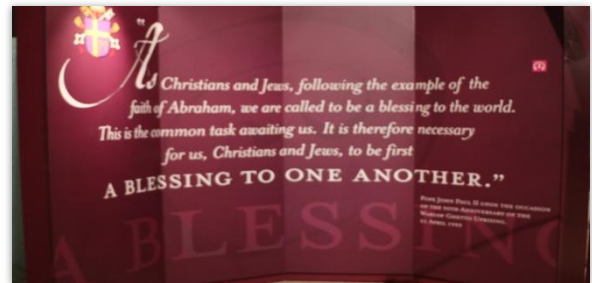
Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County presents:
Presentation by Dr. William Madges
March 5, 2017
1:30 pm
St. Ann Jubilee Center, 525 9th Avenue South, Naples, FL 34102
Free admission. Reservations: cjdialogue@naples.net

Come learn how the relationship between Catholics and Jews has been transformed since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). In particular, discover an exhibit—*A Blessing to One Another*—that highlights the steps taken by St. Pope John Paul II to dramatically improve Catholic-Jewish relations. The exhibit was on display last year in exhibition space of the Vatican Museums on St. Peter's Square.



The banner announcing the exhibit on St. Peter's Square.

The presentation will also show how a recent sculpture on the campus of Saint Joseph's University, blessed by Pope Francis, depicts key features of the new relationship between Catholics and Jews.



The name of the exhibit comes from John Paul II's statement, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising (1943/1993). It refers back to Genesis 12:1-3.



Synagogue and Church in a new relationship

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Bill is a professor of theology in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. From 2006 to 2013, he served as Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at SJU. Before coming to Saint Joseph's in 2006, Bill taught in the Theology Department at Xavier University (Cincinnati) for more than 20 years. During that time, he served as Chair of the Department for nine years and also spent a semester teaching at the University of Tübingen in Germany as a Senior Fulbright Scholar. He earned an Honors A.B. degree from Xavier University and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Christian theology from the University of Chicago. He also studied at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, during the summers of 2008 and 2009.

With two colleagues, Bill created the multimedia exhibit, *A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People*, which toured the United States from 2005 to 2015 and was seen by about one million people in 17 cities. From July 28 to September 17, 2015, the exhibit was on display in the Braccio di Carlo Magno of the Vatican Museums on St. Peter's Square. The exhibit will be on permanent display at the St. John Paul II Center and Sanctuary in Cracow, Poland, beginning some time in 2017. Bill and his collaborators were fortunate to have an audience with both Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis concerning the exhibit. Because of the exhibit and their related work in Jewish-Christian relations, Bill, Dr. James Buchanan,

and Rabbi Abie Ingber received the Ninth Annual Eternal Light Award, in 2008, presented by The Center for Catholic Jewish Studies (St. Leo, Florida) for "outstanding contribution in the cause of interfaith relations and human rights."