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“Catholic-Muslim Relations Today”



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Rev. Dr. Dennis D. McManus, Ph.D. completed a master's degree in historical ethics at Georgetown University and a doctorate in historical theology at Drew University. He has taught in secondary schools and universities for thirty years, including courses in theology, liturgy, and interreligious dialogue. In 2005-06, Fr. McManus held the Smilow Chair in Catholic-Jewish Relations at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. In addition to serving as a Consultant to the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, where he assists in Catholic-Muslim and Catholic-Jewish relations, Fr. McManus serves as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology at Georgetown University and a member of the pontifical Vox Clara commission of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. He is also the Assistant Director of the Intercultural Forum at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, which specializes in interreligious dialogue.

Imam Yahya Hendi is the Muslim chaplain at Georgetown University, the first American university to hire a full-time Muslim chaplain. He also serves as the Muslim chaplain at the National Naval Medical Center and sits on the Islamic Jurisprudence Council of North America. His master's and doctorate studies at Hartford Seminary are in comparative religions, with interests in Christianity, Judaism, and interreligious relations. Imam Hendi has published on topics such as women and gender relations in Islam, Islam and biomedical ethics, and Islam in the United States. He lectures widely across the globe and appears regularly on national and international television and radio. Imam Hendi was one of the Muslim leaders who met with President George W. Bush in the aftermath of the September 11 tragedy. In 2002, he received Hartford Seminary's annual James N. Gettemy Significant Ministry Award for his dedication to ministry and peace building between people of different faiths.

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