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MJC Position on Catholic Jewish Relations

New Vatican Guidelines

The Milwaukee Jewish Council welcomes the new Vatican Guidelines for improving relations between Catholics and Jews, in particular, the strong condemnation of anti-Semitism and discrimination. We are naturally disappointed that the Guidelines make no reference to the State of Israel or to the need for secure borders and freedom from terror for the people of Israel. The dialogue between Catholics and Jews which the Guidelines call for would be carried forward with much greater mutual confidence had a statement of concern for the security of Israel been included.

Nevertheless, we hope that we will be able to translate into concrete action on a local level the recommendations for greater dialogue and goodwill between the Catholic and Jewish communities.