

The International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) wishes to thank Cardinal Walter Kasper for his eleven years of dedicated service as President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. His tireless and courageous efforts at promoting understanding and reconciliation have been much admired, together with his many important contributions to continuing and advancing the legacy of the Second Vatican Council declaration, *Nostra Aetate*. We wish him the blessings of good health and success in all his endeavors.

We also wish to congratulate his successor, Archbishop Kurt Koch of Basel, Switzerland, on his appointment to this very important post. We wish him much success and satisfaction in his new position and look forward to fruitful collaboration with him in the future. May he continue to walk in the path of the prophet Malachi, who said (3:16), "Then they that feared the Lord spoke with one another..."