

## John Borelli



John Borelli is the Special Assistant for Interreligious Initiatives to President John J. DeGioia of Georgetown University. In this capacity, he facilitates an annual Institute on Christian-Muslim Relations, the Woodstock Interreligious Dialogue on Education, a dialogue of Catholics and Evangelicals on the Common Good, an ongoing consultation of Catholic and Jewish biblical scholars and theologians and other projects. In addition, Dr. Borelli serves as national coordinator for interreligious dialogue for the U. S. Jesuit Conference.

Prior to assuming his position at Georgetown University in 2004, he served over 16 years (1987-2003) as Associate Director for the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC, and, as its Interim Director, for one year (2001-2002). During those years, he developed three ongoing dialogues with Muslims and staffed other interreligious and ecumenical dialogues projects. He was a consultant to the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue for 17 years.

Dr. Borelli taught full-time at Fordham University (Ph.D., 1976, history of religions and theology) during his final year of graduate studies and for 11 years at the College of Mount St. Vincent (New York City). While in New York, he held a staff position with the New York Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission and co-founded the Catholic-Muslim Dialogue of New York. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa in Philosophy from St. Louis University in 1968, and served in the U. S. Army in Vietnam in 1970. He has published over 180 articles and recently edited a collection of papers, *A Common Word and the Future of Christian-Muslim Relations* (Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, 2009). He co-authored, *Interfaith Dialogue: A Catholic View*, with Archbishop Michael L. Fitzgerald (SPCK/Orbis Books, 2006).

John Borelli was born and raised in Oklahoma. He attended a minor seminary, operated by the Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, for six years from 1960-66. He and Marianne Dulle Borelli have been married 40 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. They are Eucharistic ministers and team leaders for marriage preparation at Holy Trinity Parish in Georgetown.

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