Catholics, Jews, and the Issues of Our Time
A Conversation between Archbishop Nelson Pérez and Rabbi Abraham Skorka

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Join us for a special webinar as Philadelphia's new archbishop, the Most Rev. Nelson Pérez, and Rabbi Abraham Skorka, SJU University Professor, discuss Catholic-Jewish relations and some pressing issues facing both communities in American society today.

ARCHBISHOP NELSON PÉREZ was installed as Philadelphia’s 14th Bishop and 10th Archbishop on February 18, 2020, having been appointed by Pope Francis in January. Previously the Bishop of Cleveland, OH, his new position in Philadelphia was something of a homecoming. He had studied at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, where he had earned Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology degrees in 1988 and 1989, respectively. Archbishop Pérez currently serves as a member of the Administrative and the Religious Liberty Committees for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In November 2018, Bishop Pérez began a three-year term as the bishop liaison for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). Archbishop Pérez’s pastoral vision can be summarized as: “Church on Mission: Proactive, Involved, Supportive, Fruitful, and Joyful” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, §24).

RABBI DR. ABRAHAM SKORKA is a University Professor at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. Born in Buenos Aires, he served for over twenty years as rector and professor of biblical and rabbinic literature of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano Marshall T. Meyer. In addition, he has served as Senior Rabbi of the Masorti Olami Community Benei Tikva in Buenos Aires. He is the author of several books and articles in biophysics and numerous articles in Biblical and Talmudic research. With the future Pope Francis he co-hosted over 30 television programs in Argentina and later co-authored a book on interfaith dialogue, On Heaven and Earth, that was published in Spanish in 2010 and in English in 2013. In May 2014, Rabbi Skorka accompanied the Pope on his pilgrimage to the Middle East. Most recently, he was present with the Holy Father at the Conference on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi.

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