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## **Washington Theological Union Welcomes the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy**

WASHINGTON, DC – Washington Theological Union (WTU) welcomed the news today that the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy (NOCERCC) would be relocating its National Office in July 2011 to the WTU campus. This move would further facilitate the strategic alliance WTU and NOCERCC have formed to champion both organizations' mission to serve the priest community.

“The faculty and staff of WTU welcome the opportunities that lay ahead for collaboration with NOCERCC. We too desire to serve the ministerial and spiritual needs of our priests as well as share a strategy for meeting the theological and ministerial training needs of the Church throughout the country. We see the work of the Spirit bringing us together under one roof so as to coordinate our compatible missions and focus our energies where they can be most effective,” said WTU President Very Rev. Frederick J. Tillotson, O.Carm.

The National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy is a membership association of dioceses, religious communities, and other interested organizations and individuals committed to the Church's mission to promote and support ongoing formation for priests and presbyterates. Founded in 1973, NOCERCC's membership includes Roman Catholic dioceses and religious communities in the United States as well as other organizations and individuals around the world that are part of the ongoing clergy formation community.

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*Washington Theological Union has educated men and women for ministry in the Roman Catholic Church for forty years. Founded as a coalition of seminaries for men in religious communities, the Union has earned a reputation as one of the finest graduate schools for ministry in the United States. Graduates often pursue doctoral studies at major Catholic institutions as well as minister and teach around the world in settings as diverse as suburban and inner-city parishes, high school and college campuses, hospitals and hospices, homeless shelters and prison ministries. The student body consists of Catholic religious men and women, laity, ordained ministers, and students from other Christian traditions who are part of the Washington Theological Consortium. More information about the Washington Theological Union is available at [www.wtu.edu](http://www.wtu.edu).*