

TIDBITS:

1.- We arranged for Rabbi Ron Kronish, President of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI) to present his one hour film "I am Joseph, Your Brother" in the two Seminaries in South Florida. The film assesses and reflects on the changes that have occurred in the often difficult and turbulent relationship that has existed for centuries between Jews and Christians. "I am Joseph, Your Brother" has been screened at St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach.

2.- Bernardo Benes made a presentation about Our Elder Brothers and Sisters Foundation to the group of Brandeis University women in South Florida. Bernardo met with two distinguished professors from Yeshiva University of New York.

3.- Octavio Verdeja, Mario Lopez and Bernardo Benes met with the top executives of the Knight Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to get some guidance as to the present and future of our Foundation. Foundation President Alberto Ibarguen and Local Director of Programs, Lorenzo Lebrija came up with two very important suggestions: to develop in every educational Institution a You Tube system of communications amongst students and to convert one of our brochures into a book marker. We are already working in both suggestions.

4.- Received support from Thomas H. Roach, S. J. Director Secretariat of Education of the Society of Jesus at the Vatican , to the program of distribution of our brochures in Catholic and Jewish Colleges and Universities in conjunction with the St. Thomas University of Miami.

5.- We continue the distribution of our Brochures to organizations and individuals who request. Dr. Shirley Smoyas Professor of Rutgers University is very much interested in our program.

6.- We have approved and are in the early stages of developing a program to address issues of poverty through Interfaith efforts. With the leadership of the Greater Miami Rabbinical Association we will start our work with a Catholic Church-Notre Dame d'Haiti Mission in Miami which serves the Haitian community and St. Anne Mission in the Homestead area. The St. Anne Mission deals with mainly Mexican agricultural workers. Both groups face great financial difficulties.

7.- We have develop a contact with the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, a newly created Foundation by the Former Primer Minister of United Kingdom.

8.- We started a program with St. Thomas University in Miami. Msgr. Franklyn Casale, University President, is sending a letter to his colleagues at Catholic and Jewish Colleges and Universities asking them to accept our invitation to place our literature in their respective libraries. We had a simple ceremony at St. Thomas on September 17th, 2008 where we placed the first displays. We are talking about more than 220 Educational Institutions with a student body of more than 700,000. We predict that this Program will absorb most of our time in the next 2 years.