

REMARKS AT YOM HASHOAH MENORAH DEDICATION
Sunday, November 11, 2001

Today is a very special day at Seton Hall University. For me, the dedication of a Yom Hashoah Menorah on our Catholic campus speaks loudly the words *Remembrance* and *Commitment*. There are no words strong enough to deplore the terrible, unprecedented tragedy of the Shoah—6 million Jews annihilated, 1 ½ million children killed only because each was born Jewish. By and large, the entire world stood by and abandoned the Jews.

Students, faculty, staff, administration of Seton Hall University and our friends will not forget. We will ever remember the Shoah and demonstrate our remembrance by our commitment, noted in the teaching of all who come to us, to what evil prejudice, hate and discrimination can lead. Already over 275 teacher/scholars in the State of New Jersey have taken courses in the study of anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Jewish Studies and Jewish-Christian Relations. Through our teachers, over 75,000 students have consequently been instructed in their schools about the horrors of the Shoah; they have been taught to care and be concerned about the other, whoever he/she may be.

Remembrance and *Commitment*. We shall ever remember for a purpose—that we live the message of Jesus—to love one another as I have loved you, and those of the Bal Shem Tov— Forgetfulness leads to exile while remembrance looks to redemption.

