



Landmark Exhibition at Skirball Cultural Center

August 12, 2008—The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a grant to support the landmark exhibition, *A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People* at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles. The exhibition opens September 10th.

The exhibition will lead visitors on a biographical journey in the late Pope John Paul II's footsteps. Artifacts, documents, photographs and film trace the life of Karl Wojtyla from his early childhood in Poland through World War II, to the postwar era of Soviet repression and his rise to the papacy and to world renown. The exhibition reveals how the Pope's early relationships and lasting friendships with Jews informed his ministry and papacy, shaping a new, more hopeful relationship between the Catholic and Jewish people.

"My late uncle's Catholic faith was central to his life. Helping to honor the late Pope John Paul II and furthering the good work of the Skirball Center through this exhibition would have been something my uncle would have wanted to support," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, Hannon's niece and a Board member of the Foundation since its founding in 1983.

The Skirball Center seeks to deepen the appreciation of Jewish heritage and to engage respectfully and openly with the diversity of cultures and religious traditions in American life and around the world.
