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Boston-area Catholics to offer solutions at Leadership Roundtable Annual Meeting

Jack Connors and John Kaneb, two of Boston's most prominent Catholic philanthropists, will address the 2010 Annual Meeting of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, a network of Catholic business and religious leaders focused on strengthening the finances and management of the Catholic Church in the US.

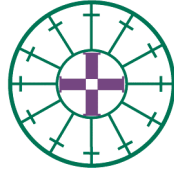
This year's meeting, "A Blueprint for Responsibility: Responding to Crises with Collaborative Solutions," will offer ideas to strengthen the Church as it encounters new revelations of clergy sexual abuse across the globe, as well as address the precarious situation in which Catholic organizations find themselves as a result of the worldwide economic collapse. It will be held June 24-25 at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

"The twin crises facing the Church require attention from all those who value the contribution that Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and nonprofits make to society as a whole," said Kerry Robinson, executive director of the Leadership Roundtable. "We are thrilled to have Jack and John join us in Philadelphia. Their commitment to the Church in Boston is testament to the value that they place on strengthening the Church, and we look forward to bringing their insights to a national audience."

Connors is a founding partner and Chairman Emeritus of Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopolus, Inc., a full-service marketing communications company. Throughout Greater Boston, he is known for his civic and philanthropic efforts as well as his business acumen. *Boston Magazine* named him one of the most powerful people in Boston, and he has been a major force behind initiatives such as Camp Harbor View, The Campaign for Catholic Schools, and The Edward M. Kennedy Institute. He is an articulate advocate for Boston's world-class hospitals, and is a passionate and respected voice in the Catholic community for greater lay participation in the Church.

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Kaneb is chairman of HP Hood LLC, as well as president of The Catamount Companies and a partner of the Boston Red Sox. He has served on boards for Massachusetts General Hospital, McClean Hospital, Harvard University, the Archdiocese of Boston, and the Knights of Malta. He holds honorary degrees from Saint Anselm College and the University of Notre Dame.

In addition to Connors and Kaneb, other prominent Catholic Bostonians attending the conference include:

- Fr. Bryan Hehir, secretary of social services for the Archdiocese of Boston;
- Fr. Donald Monan, chancellor of Boston College, and
- Dr. Paul Schervish, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center on Wealth and Philanthropy (CWP) at Boston College.

The Leadership Roundtable is an organization of laity, religious, and clergy working together to promote excellence and best practices in the management, finances, and human resource development of the Catholic Church in the U.S. through the greater incorporation of the expertise of the laity. It brings together leaders from the worlds of business, finance, academia, philanthropy, non-profit organizations, and the Church to serve the Catholic Church in the United States. The Leadership Roundtable serves the Church through its Standards for Excellence program; ChurchEpedia, a collection of best practices; and consultancy services, which have assisted several archdioceses, dioceses, and religious communities across the country. For more information, visit www.TheLeadershipRoundtable.org.

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