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The Leadership Roundtable thanks the Hon. Leon Panetta for service to the board

Washington, DC—The National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management hosted a reception to express its gratitude to the Honorable Leon E. Panetta for his service to the Leadership Roundtable. Panetta was a founding board member of the Roundtable in 2004, and he stepped down earlier this year to focus on his appointment as the 19th director of the Central Intelligence Agency by President Obama.

In his remarks introducing Panetta, Roundtable founder and chair Geoffrey T. Boisi highlighted Panetta's service to the Catholic Church in the United States, particularly his service on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Review Board, which was established in 2002 to assist and monitor the USCCB's office for Child and Youth Protection. Boisi noted that Panetta is a great friend and advocate of the Roundtable, and while he will no longer serve in an official capacity on the board, that he looks forward to Panetta's continued friendship and guidance as the Roundtable moves forward.

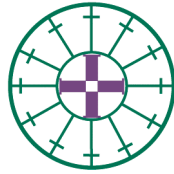
Panetta, a former U.S. Representative and chief of staff for President Clinton, said that he remains impressed with the work of the Roundtable, and he highlighted his Catholic faith as the anchor in his life, especially in his new post at the CIA.

Following his tenure in the Clinton administration, Panetta and his wife established the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy, based at California State University, Monterey Bay, a university he helped establish on the site of the former military base, Fort Ord. The mission of the institute is to attract talented individuals to public service.

Kerry Robinson, executive director of the Leadership Roundtable, said, "The ongoing success of the Roundtable is due in large measure to the extraordinary talent of exemplary leaders from the highest echelons across all sectors. The expertise and dedication of leaders like Leon Panetta, who care deeply about the Church, was

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instrumental in the creation of the Roundtable and the credibility of our mission. While we will miss his guidance on our board, we wish him well as he continues his life of service to our nation.”

The reception was held in the Presidents Room in the Riggs Library at Georgetown University on September 28, 2009, following the quarterly board meeting of the Leadership Roundtable.

The National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management is an organization of laity, religious, and clergy working together to promote excellence and best practices in the management, finances, and human resources development of the Catholic Church in the U.S. by greater incorporation of the expertise of the laity. For more information, visit www.nlrcm.org.



From left to right: Geoffrey T. Boisi, Leon E. Panetta, Kerry A. Robinson, and president of Georgetown University John J. DeGioia.

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