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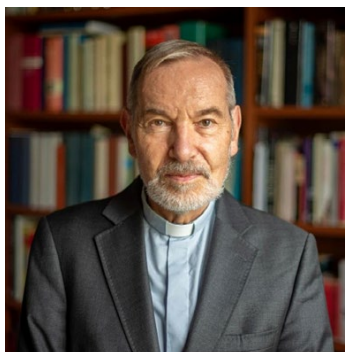
## Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies

SAVE THE DATE: Eternal Light Award Dinner

Sunday, November 17th | 6:00–9:00pm

The Eternal Light Award Dinner will take place at Higgins Hall at **St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N. Himes Ave, Tampa, FL 33614, Tampa**. We hope you plan to join us as we strive to build mutual respect and understanding between Catholics, Jews, and all people of good will during an extremely difficult time.

Registration details and sponsorship opportunities will be announced in the coming months. For more information about the event contact Ms. Laurie Gens, the CCJS Administrator of Programs and Events, at [laurie.gens@saintleo.edu](mailto:laurie.gens@saintleo.edu) or call 352-588-7711.



The Eternal Light Award Dinner will feature **Dr. Joseph Sievers**, Professor Emeritus of Jewish History and Literature of the Hellenistic period at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, and the 20th recipient of the Eternal Light Award with a response

by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, The Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Joseph Sievers is Professor Emeritus of Jewish History and Literature of the Hellenistic period at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, where he began teaching in 1991. Since 2008, Sievers has served as a consultant to the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews. From 2003 to 2009, Sievers served as director of the Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University. Sievers has authored numerous scholarly publications especially in the fields of Second Temple Judaism and in Jewish-Christian relations. He is the co-editor of such volumes as *Good and Evil after Auschwitz: Ethical Implications for Today* (2001), co-edited with Jack Bemporad and John T. Pawlikowski; *The Catholic Church and the Jewish People: Recent Reflections from Rome* (2007) co-edited with Philip A. Cunningham and Norbert J. Hofmann; *Christ Jesus and the Jewish People Today: New Explorations of Theological Interrelationships* (2011), co-edited with Philip A. Cunningham, Mary Boys, Hans Hermann Henrix, and Jesper Svartvik; and *The Pharisees* (2021), co-edited with Amy-Jill Levine, and published in both English and Italian. You can read more about Dr. Sievers [here](#).



**Dr. Amy-Jill Levine** is the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt. Dr. Levine's numerous publications include *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* (co-edited with Marc Brettler); *The Pharisees* (co-edited with Joseph Sievers), and *Jesus for Everyone, Not Just Christians* (2024). Dr. Levine was the first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute.