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## **Cardinal George Correct to Denounce Holocaust Denier**

***Statement from Richard S. Hirschhaut  
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The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (IHMEC) applauds His Eminence Francis Cardinal George for his leadership in denouncing Bishop Richard Williamson for his continued denial of the Holocaust. We further commend Pope Benedict XVI for ordering Bishop Williamson to recant his statements of denial.

Our entire institution is built around the very proof – artifacts, letters, eyewitness accounts – of the Holocaust. Created hand-in-hand with Holocaust survivors who settled in the Midwest, IHMEC is a testament to their dream that future generations be taught the lessons of the Holocaust so that “Never Again” truly becomes a reality. To deny the horrors that they and millions more endured is itself a sin.

Cardinal George understands how truly toxic and insidious Holocaust denial is and recognizes that it must be refuted without hesitation. His is a voice of reason and conscience within the Catholic Church, both nationally and across the Chicago region.

We look forward to working with His Eminence and with the Chicago Archdiocese as we endeavor to preserve the memories of those lost in the Holocaust and teach current generations to fight hatred, indifference and genocide in today’s world.

*Richard S. Hirschhaut is available for further comment by calling 312-573-5491.*

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Likely the last major Holocaust museum to be built in collaboration with survivors, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, scheduled to open April 19, 2009, will be the largest institution in the Midwest dedicated to preserving the memories of those lost in the Holocaust and teaching current generations to fight hatred, indifference and genocide in today’s world. For more information visit [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org).

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