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Presentation of the Sir Sigmund Sternberg Award to Cardinal Willebrands. L.to.r.: Rev. John Pawlikowski (president ICCJ), Cardinal J. Willebrands, Cardinal W. Keeler, Sir Sigmund Sternberg. The ICCJ Annual Sir Sigmund Sternberg Award was presented by President, Rev. John Pawlikowski to Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, one of the pioneers of the new relations between the Catholic Church and

the Jewish people. In his introductory remarks, Sir Sigmund Sternberg referred to the instrumental role played by Cardinal Willebrands in arranging the visit of Pope John Paul II to the synagogue in Rome, the first step which led the Pope from the threshold of the synagogue to the Western Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem. He said, 'It is in equal measure thanks to Cardinal Willebrands that relations between Rome and the non-Catholic churches have been advanced to the stage where that once abhorred word, ecumenism, is freely used and celebrated.'