

## **RABBI DR. MICHAEL SIGNER**

**(1946 – 2009)**



On January 10, 2009, The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning lost a treasured colleague and dear friend when Rabbi Dr. Michael Signer, Abrams Professor of Jewish Thought and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, died after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

In recent years, from 2005 to 2008, the Center benefitted greatly from Michael's wise and distinguished leadership as Vice-Chair of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations. Even more significant is the degree to which the Center's work in Christian-Jewish relations stands on the shoulders of his legacy.

For decades Michael inspired thousands of scholars, church and synagogue leaders, clergy and students through his efforts, at all levels, to promote reconciliation and understanding between Jews and Christians.

Michael's life spontaneously conveyed the message that true dialogue is rooted in relationship and a deep love for humanity.

Michael was an erudite and insightful scholar, a wise, passionate and inspiring leader, and a caring, generous and delightful friend.

***MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING***