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The Catholic Church as Global Actor

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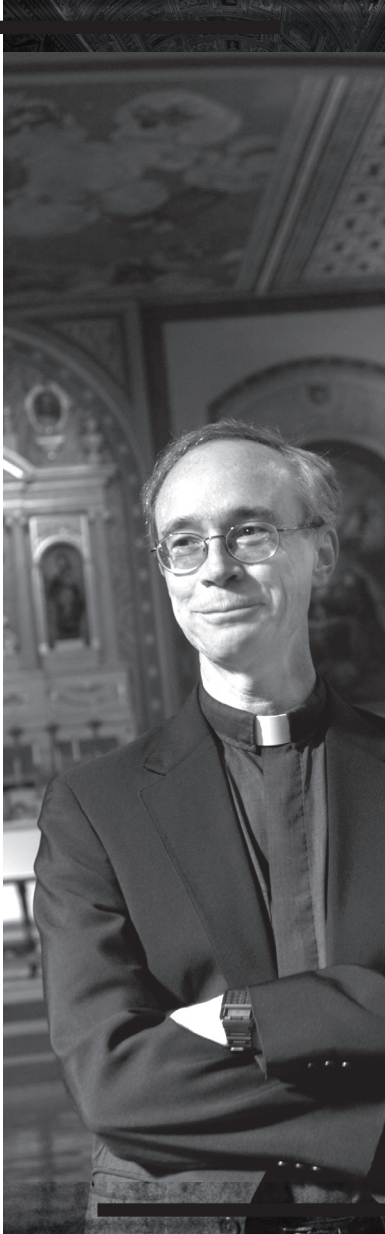
This lecture will examine the unique role that the Catholic Church plays in international relations, especially through the pope, the Vatican Secretariat of State and its nuncios (ambassadors) all over the world. It is the keynote address for a two-day conference, "The Church as Global Actor," on May 4-5 at UCSB.

Thomas J. Reese, S.J., was editor in chief of *America* from 1998 to 2005. Father Reese is a widely recognized expert on the U.S. Catholic Church and is frequently cited by journalists. He is author of a trilogy examining church organization and politics on the local, national, and international levels: *Archbishop: Inside the Power Structure of the American Catholic Church*; *A Flock of Shepherds: The National Conference of Catholic Bishops*; and *Inside the Vatican: The Politics and Organization of the Catholic Church*. For the 2005-2006 academic year he is serving as a visiting scholar at Santa Clara University.

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