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# Father Desbois in Ottawa to commemorate the Holocaust

As part of the commemoration of the Holocaust, the French Embassy in Canada invites Father Patrick Desbois to participate in a special day organized April 28, 2014 at Saint Paul University, around a panel discussion and an exhibition that will present his work on the Holocaust by bullets in Eastern Europe.



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Father Patrick Desbois, president of Yahad-In Unum, has devoted his life to confronting anti-Semitism and furthering Catholic-Jewish understanding. Since 2001, he has led a truly historic undertaking of identifying and locating undiscovered mass graves of Jews and Roma killed during the Holocaust in Eastern Europe.

His work, which has been awarded in France and the United States, have contributed to the international reputation of Father Patrick Desbois. In this respect, Father Patrick Desbois participate in the **panel discussion "Duty to Remember and the Rebuilding of Nations"** that will be held April 28 from 5:30pm to 7pm in the Amphitheatre of Saint Paul University in Ottawa (*free admission with RSVP: [bsiemiatycki@jewishottawa.com](mailto:bsiemiatycki@jewishottawa.com)*). The panel discussion will highlight the impact of national mass dramas in the rebuilding of nations that have participated, in the past, in organizing mass sufferings towards certain categories of population.

To further embrace the work of Father Desbois, the exhibition "**The Holocaust**

**by bullets - 10 years of investigation in the post Soviet Union" will be presented April 24 to May 1 in the Atrium of St. Paul University in Ottawa.**

The exhibition presents 10 years of research about Jewish mass murders in Eastern Europe during WWII and how these murders have been organized and scheduled. The exhibition aims to give Jewish victims murdered their memory and their dignity back.

These projects are made possible by the Embassy of France in Canada, the Embassy of Israel in Canada, Yahad In Unum, Saint Paul University, Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

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