

HSM Personnel Hail and Farewell

During the dreary days of mid-January the Holy See Mission bade farewell to Sr. Isabel Reina Moran. Thank you again Sr. Isabel for your wonderful 28 years of service to this Mission. God bless you! At the same time we welcomed Sr. Adilia Martinez Asencio. Originally from El Salvador, Sr. Adilia joined the Congregation of Mother of the Orphans. After initial formation in Guatemala and Italy, she settled in Milan to work for sixteen years. In a few months Matthew Loven, our year-long intern from the University of St. Thomas, will complete his service to the Holy See Mission. We wish him well.

Gala Dinner

June 8

INVITATIONS

The Annual Gala is less than two months away. Make plans to renew friendships and make new ones on Tuesday 8 June 2010 in the Ninth Floor Ballroom of the New York Athletic Club. The evening's program begins at 6:30 p.m. Invitations are in the process of being mailed. If you have family members or friends whom you think would like to receive an invitation, kindly call the office at (212) 370-7885.



AWARDS

We look forward to the opportunity to honor **Professor Mary Ann Glendon**, former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, with this year's Path to Peace Award. Servitor Pacis Awards will be presented to **Hôpital Sacré Coeur CRUDEM in Haiti**, which will be represented by Dr. Peter M. Kelly, the President of CRUDEM Foundation, and to **Mr. Kevin M. Ryan**, who is President of Covenant House.

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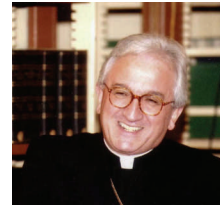
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Spring 2010

From the President's desk

Dear Friends of the Path to Peace Foundation,



We have just celebrated Easter: we rejoice for new life and endless hope!

While the Holy Father visited the United Nations two years ago, his encyclical letter *Caritas in veritate* is less than a year old and it seems to have touched the whole world. It continues to inspire conferences and drive imaginations. These days it is not just particular important issues that occupy attention, the very nature of our social fabric is being reexamined. How refreshing it has been for visitors from college campuses, members of civil society and UN officers and delegates alike to be reminded of the centrality of the human person in all matters of economics, government and social life.

Be assured of my enduring gratitude for your endless support. I hope I can look forward to seeing you at the Annual Gala this coming June. We have an exciting honoree and a new venue for the event. It is always such a happy gathering. And it affords me the opportunity to thank you in person for all your generous support.

Lastly, I extend to all of you and your loved ones my best wishes for a happy Easter time. May the promise of everlasting life made by the risen Lord fill us with hope and courage to proclaim His promises with the passion of our lives and the gentleness of our love.

Sincerely,

+ Celestino Migliore

Special points of interest:

- Earthquake in Haiti
- Side Events on
 - Caritas in Veritate*
 - Rights of the Child*
 - Population and Development*
- CST Seminar
- Annual Gala Dinner

Earthquake in Haiti



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On January 12, the earthquake that struck Haiti touched many lives in New York who feared the worst news about family members and loved ones. Thank God our common friend Archbishop Bernardito Auza, whom you remember as a member of the Holy See Mission to the U.N. from 2006 to 2008, was spared from catastrophe and is working hard to restore the church.

On January 20 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Archbishop Migliore offered a Mass for those who had lost their lives in the earthquake. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon offered some words at the conclusion of the liturgy, attended by an overflowing congregation of UN diplomats, officers, employees and friends. One hundred one employees of the United Nations lost their lives in the earthquake. At the International Donors' Conference Toward a New Future in Haiti, at the UN, on March 31, this Holy See Mission pledged the continuous and invaluable support of the Catholic Church, which includes millions of dollars in donations and materiel, countless volunteers and charitable organizations, as well as churches, hospitals and schools already in place.

Side Events

Caritas in Veritate

On Wednesday, March 10, the Holy See Mission held a Side Event entitled "Globalization: It makes us neighbors, grasps equality between women and men. Can it also establish fraternity? in the light of the Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*". The keynote speech was delivered by Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz, Professor of Economics at Columbia University and two-time Nobel laureate. His presentation was followed by remarks from Professor Karen E. Boroff, Dean of the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University. Dr. Eugene D. McCarthy, a twenty-seven year veteran of the World Bank, moderated the event. A video presentation on the economy of communion produced by New Humanity complimented the talks. The conference room was spilling over with many people listening from the hallway.



Lasalian Convocation

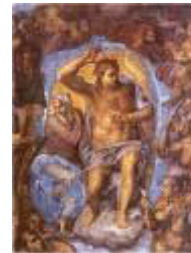
The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on behalf of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the lay Lasallian educators, will be hosting the Lasallian Convocation on the Rights of the Child from April 25-27 at the United Nations. Keynote addresses during the event will be provided by Mr. Jimmie Briggs, Goodwill Ambassador and United Nations Special Envoy for Children and Armed Conflict, and Ms. Ann Veneman, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Convocation will provide an opportunity to highlight the contribution of the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* over the last twenty years. Among the attendees will be students and educators from the secondary schools and higher education institutions of the Lasallians in the United States and Canada.

Population and Development

On Monday, April 12th, during the Commission on the Population and Development, the Holy See Mission will sponsor a side event entitled "Women in Contemporary Society: Diasporas and Families." The panelists will be Michelle Viegas, J.D., Director of Programs and Strategic Outreach for Worldfund; Anastasia Brown, Director of the Refugee Program in the Office of Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Dr. Marilyn Martone, Associate Professor at St. John's University. They will identify current demographic trends and issues which impact the family both nationally and globally. In addition, the event will present an opportunity for a dialogue on the best practices for addressing the issues which affect families from sending and receiving countries.

"The Splendors of Michelangelo"



The Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums will be sponsoring a lecture on Monday, June 14 at the United Nations. Dr. Antonio Paolucci, Director of the Vatican Museums, is scheduled to speak about "The Splendors of Michelangelo". In particular, he will discuss the restoration of the Pauline Chapel and the Sistine Chapel in the Apostolic Palace. A panel discussion following his presentation is expected to include Professor Elizabeth Lev, Professor of Art History at the Duquesne University Rome Campus as well as another professor involved in the restoration of Michelangelo's work.

CST Seminar

The Path to Peace Foundation has almost a full compliment of fifty college students who plan to attend the annual Catholic Social Teaching Seminar. From Sunday, May 23 to Friday, May 28 the participants will be briefed by Archbishop Migliore and other members of the Holy See Mission staff. Mass each day will take place in a different location by the priests of the Mission. The students will have a chance to hear and dialogue with experts who assist the Holy See as well as ambassadors to the United Nations. The title for this year's seminar is "Freedom, Truth and Charity: promoting human development as a vocation".

