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SIDE EVENT **THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF WOMEN in CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY:** **CAREGIVING WITHIN THE FAMILY**

March 11, 2009
1:15 to 2:45 p.m.
United Nations Secretariat
First Avenue and 46th Street
Conference Room 2

- **WELCOME** **Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio and**
 Permanent Observer of the Holy See

- **OVERVIEW, GOALS AND INTRODUCTIONS**
 Mary Ann Dantuono, J.D.

- **PRESENTATIONS**
 - “Catholic Social Thought: The Human Person, Common Good, Dependency and Caregiving”
 Marilyn A. Martone, Ph.D.

 - “Systemic Conditions, Principles and Practices (Legal, Economic and Social) That Promote
Family Caregiving and Dignity of Women”
 Linda Sama, Ph.D.

 - “Best Practices: Providing Care and Working for Justice and Peace for Families”
 Sr. Marie-Bernard Alima Mbalula, S.J.A.E.

- **Q & A - DISCUSSION**

- **CONCLUDING REMARKS**
 Archbishop Celestino Migliore

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## PANELISTS AND MODERATOR

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**MARILYN A. MARTONE** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a Senior Vincentian Research Fellow. Dr. Martone holds a Ph.D. from Fordham University and her research and publications probe the distribution of health care services primarily in the area of rehabilitation and justice for women. In the spring of 2007 she was a Weill Cornell Medical College Disabilities Ethics Fellow. Dr. Martone teaches graduate and undergraduate theology students, offering courses in Theology in the Marketplace, Health Care Ethics, and Women, Children and Justice. She is widely published in many academic journals and has lectured internationally. Since 2004, she has served as an expert on women for the Holy See Mission to the United Nations.



**SR. MARIE-BERNARD ALIMBA MBALULA, SJAЕ** earned her doctorate in Education and has been awarded a specialization diploma in the Sociology of Education. She is a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Kalemie. She has spent her life in efforts to promote a culture of peace and has held office in her religious community and in the dioceses of Katanga and Lubumashi. She is at this time the Executive Secretary of the Commission on Justice and Peace of the Association of the Bishops of Central Africa, including Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda. Sister Marie-Bernard has lectured widely and facilitated discussions throughout the world with religious leaders and government officials to encourage efforts in the work of peace-building in Central Africa.



**LINDA M. SAMA** is the Associate Dean for Global Initiatives and a Professor of Management in the Tobin College of Business. She earned her Ph.D. in Strategic Management from the City University of New York in 1998, a Masters in Philosophy at Baruch (CUNY) in 1996, and an MBA in International Finance from McGill University in 1983. Dr. Sama made a transition to academe after a lengthy career in industry. She teaches primarily in the areas of International Business, Strategic Management and Business Ethics. She has published over 40 articles, proceedings papers and book chapters that address issues of corporate social responsibility, business and the natural environment, integrative social contracts theory, and global business ethics dilemmas in the new economy. Dr. Sama has worked with international groups for several years, has taught in other countries. She has just developed a new course in Global Micro Lending for the Business School, which educates our students in entrepreneurship and microfinance by having them work in cooperation with the Daughters of Charity in the world's most impoverished communities to source and lend money to small business practitioners in developing regions of the globe.

