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Ambassador Mary Ann Glendon speaking at the conference



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LATIN AMERICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT:

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Nearly forgotten today is the fact that Latin American nations were a driving force in the international human rights movement that arose in the wake of World War II. They constituted 20 of the 50 countries represented at the founding of the U.N. and were largely responsible for the inclusion of human rights references in the U.N. Charter. They constituted 21 of the 58 U.N. members at the time the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was debated, and played key roles in the process that led to its approval on December 10, 1948. The Pan American Declaration of Rights and Duties (itself significantly influenced by Catholic Social Thought) was one of the principal models for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights thus provides us with a perfect opportunity to awaken the memory of Latin America's role in the early U.N., reflect on the current human rights situation in Latin America in the light of that legacy, and shift the probabilities in favor of renewed commitment to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights around the world.

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At the Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum
May 2, 2008

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-9:15 Welcoming Remarks:
H.E. Ambassador Mary Ann Glendon, U.S. Embassy to the Holy See
Fr. Luis Garza-Medina, Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum
- 9:15-10:00 Session I:
***“They are our Brothers: The Origins of the Human Rights Tradition
in Latin America”***
Speaker:
Prof. Paolo Carozza, Notre Dame Law School; Visiting Professor, Harvard
Law School; President, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- 10:00-10:45 Session II:
***“Latin American and Caribbean Influences on the U.N. Charter
and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”***
Speaker:
H.E. Ambassador Mary Ann Glendon
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 Session III:
“Recalling a Great Generation of Diplomacy”
Chairman: H.E. Ambassador Luis Paris Chaverri, Embassy of Costa
Rica to the Holy See
Speakers:
Mr. Pablo Pérez-Cisneros (son of Guy Pérez-Cisneros, Cuba’s delegate to the
U.N. Founding Conference and thereafter to the U.N. General Assembly)
H.E. Ambassador Lawrence Chewing, Embassy of Panama to the Holy See
H.E. Ambassador Pablo Cabrera Gacte, Embassy of Chile to the Holy See
- 12:30-1:45 Lunch (*provided on premises for those who reserved in advance*)
- 2:00-3:30 Session IV:
“Catholic Social Thought in the Latin American Human Rights Tradition”
Chairman: H.E. Ambassador Pablo Cabrera Gacte, Embassy of Chile
to the Holy See
Speakers:
Dr. Guzman Carriquiry, Under-Secretary, Pontifical Council for the Laity
Prof. María Sara Rodríguez Pinto, University of the Andes, Chile
- 3:30-3:45 Break
- 3:45-5:00 Session V:
“Building on the Legacy, Today and Tomorrow”
Chairwoman: H.E. Ambassador Mary Ann Glendon
Speakers:
Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western
Hemisphere Affairs
H.E. Ambassador Luis Paris Chaverri, Embassy of Costa Rica to the Holy See
H.E. Ambassador Vera Barrouin Machado, Embassy of Brazil to the Holy See
- 5:00 Conference Wrap-Up: H.E. Ambassador Mary Ann Glendon

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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

Ambassador Pablo Cabrera Gaete is the Chilean Ambassador to the Holy See, the Military Order of Malta, and Albania. Ambassador Cabrera assumed his present post on September 8, 2006. He has served as Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Ireland (1999-2000), the Russian Federation and Ukraine (2000-2004), and the People’s Republic of China (2004-2006). In 1995, he was appointed as the Under-Secretary of the Navy at the Chilean Ministry of Defence. He served in this position for four years. He joined the Chilean Foreign Service in 1969 and has served as a diplomat at Chilean Embassies in Bolivia, Venezuela, Canada, Romania, Great Britain, and Spain. He received his law degree from the Catholic University of Chile.

Prof. Paolo Carozza is a law professor at the University of Notre Dame’s Law School. He also is a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and, in 2008, was elected to be its Chairman. His expertise is in the areas of comparative law, human rights, and international law, and his extensive writings in these areas have been published in Europe and Latin America as well as in the United States. At Notre Dame, he is the Director of the Law School’s J.S.D. program in international human rights law, and is also a fellow of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. Professor Carozza earned both his A.B. and J.D. degrees from Harvard, and pursued graduate studies at Cambridge University and at Harvard Law School as a Ford Foundation Fellow in Public International Law. After law school, he served as a judicial clerk for the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia and worked as an associate at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Arnold & Porter.