



## SPOTLIGHT VALUES LAUNCH, September 1, 2010 GUEST SPEAKERS



Jayanti Kirplani is the representative of the Brahma Kumaris to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in Geneva since 1980. She began working and studying with the Brahma Kumaris at 19 and is now the European and Middle Eastern co-ordinator, helping to co-ordinate its activities in over 84 countries. She sees the erosion of spiritual values as the underlying cause of the crises that the world faces today and has extensively researched the role of spiritual values in world change. She works to promote positive, human, spiritual values in all sectors of society and also participates in many UN Conferences and projects in connection with health, education, women, development, the environment, youth and peace.



Maya Saoud is a member of the UN Advocacy Team for IMCS Pax Romana and a national board member of the Melkite Association of Young Adults. Through her involvement with local community centres and human rights education programmes, Maya promotes every student's right to a quality education and serves as a youth mentor, tutor and organizer. Maya is a recent graduate of Fordham University where she led a movement to advocate cooperation among diverse cultural and religious organizations. Maya is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Education with hopes of becoming a community organizer. Maya was nominated by the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO) to serve as the Youth Representative at the Global Launch of the International Year of Youth Platforms - representing a wide range of political views and religious beliefs. ICMYO strives to strengthen cooperation and coordination among youth organizations at both regional and global levels.