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**The Focolare Movement Information Service: March
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**Catholic Leader to Speak at the United Nations
Chiara Lubich, Founder and President of the Focolare Movement, to speak.**

The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See in Conjunction with the World Conference on Religion and Peace, will sponsor a seminar in honor of Chiara Lubich, winner of the 1996 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education and one of WCRP's Honorary Presidents. The Seminar will take place at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on Thursday, May 28th, from 4:30-5:30 P.M. where Ms. Lubich will join other distinguished panelists from the UN system to address the theme: TOWARD A UNITY OF NATIONS AND THE UNITY OF PEOPLE. The event is open to all. Call Fr. John McAuley, (212) 687- 2163. Chiara Lubich was born in Trent, Italy, in 1920, and started the Focolare Movement in 1943. It now counts two million members and adherents, and is present in more than 180 nations. He has been rewarded with numerous recognitions and awards in the United States, England, France, Poland, Thailand and the Philippines, among others. On May 18th Chira Lubich will address the New York Black Muslim Community at the Masjid Malcom Shabazz in Harlem. This encounter is the result of an invitation by Iman Warith Deen Mohammed, who is head of 2 million black Muslims in the U.S. (Focolare Briefly)...an experience of rediscovery of the Gospel, resulting in an ever-growing Movement...Its goal became a world living in unity, and spirituality has helped dismantle century-old prejudices. Many members profess no particular religion. For more info call Gary Brandl at 914-636-0034.