



**The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur  
invite you to a special event**

**“The Little Banana”: Moving the  
immigrant child from the violence of  
cultural uprooting to the empowerment of  
creative expression**



Immigrant children entering school systems in host countries encounter culture shock as they struggle to assimilate new languages, customs, and systems of learning. In most cases, accompanying isolation, loneliness, and exhaustion do violence to children’s personalities and their education. Dr. Cristina Igoa, teacher, author, international speaker and an immigrant herself, entered the inner world of these children, successfully engaging students, parents, and colleagues in bringing about changes in this scenario. Come hear how, with Dr. Igoa's creative methodology, students conquer the frustration of being strangers in a new land, succeed in school, and learn to live in the richness of two cultures.

**PROGRAM - FOLLOWED BY INTERACTIVE  
AUDIENCE DIALOG**

**Mary Jo Toll**  
**Karen Cadiero-Kaplan, Ph.D.**

**Cristina Igoa, Ed.D.**  
**Zarmina Kochi**  
**Video clip**  
**Rosario Campos**  
**Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D.**

**Moderator**  
Director, English Learner Support  
California State Dept of Education Div  
California Teacher of immigrant students  
Immigrant Student from Afghanistan  
Parents speak of student advancement  
Immigrant Student from Mexico  
Psychiatrist, Jungian analyst, author

**Wednesday MARCH 6, 2013**

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**UN CHURCH CENTER**  
**(777 United Nations Plaza  
corner of E 44<sup>th</sup> St and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave)**

