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Sr. Mary Persico, I.H.M., was named executive vice president, mission integration at Catholic Health East in September 2010. Previously she served as the CHE Sponsors Council coordinator and president of the religious congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, Pa.

Sister Mary has served on several boards including Catholic Health East; Maxis Health System, Carbondale, Pa.; Marywood University, Scranton, Pa.; Our Lady of Grace Montessori School and Center, Manhasset, N.Y.; Lourdesmont School, Clarks Summit, Pa.; and the Guest House for Women Religious Advisory Board, Lake Orion, Mich. She served on the Leadership Conference of Women Religious Finance Committee and is the past president of the Lackawanna County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity International.

Sister Mary has spent most of her life in the field of education as teacher, administrator, and adjunct professor. She holds a bachelor's degree in French and education from Marywood College (now University), a master's degree in French from Assumption College, Worchester, Mass.; and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. She was one of the founding members of the African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC), a program designed to provide leadership education in business, administration and spirituality to leaders of congregations of women religious in six African countries.

Most recently, she has facilitated chapters and other gatherings of women religious in Europe, South America, Canada and the United States. She has presented on various topics including leadership and organizational re-structuring in various settings.