

"The 'door of faith' (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church."

--- Pope Benedict XVI,

Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei for the Indiction of the Year of Faith.

2013 REPORT

CARITAS Taiwan



Caritas Taiwan celebrated with the whole Catholic Church the **Year of Faith** in 2013. It was an appropriate year to renew our faith and trust to the divine providence from Whom the work of charity springs forth.

We have echoed the call of Caritas Internationalis for **ONE HUMAN FAMILY - ZERO POVERTY** by adopting this theme in our Lenten Campaigns and other advocacies.

The year was also highlighted with the campaign for "Charity Vans for Mongolia." The generosity of the Catholic schools and Caritas benefactors filled up the container vans with clothings, school materials and kitchen utensils, et al. The Taipei American School also donated one container van of school furnitures for the school in Mongolia.

Every act of kindness bridges opportunity and hope to the least of our brothers and sisters. Indeed, a person need not be rich in order to give, he/she who is good has always something to give.



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Participations: Local and International

- World Ecumenical Prayer Day** (March 10, 2013) was held every 2nd Friday of March and was participated by 16 Christian Communities.
- CA Capacity Building Workshop on **Leadership and Fundraising Campaign**. March 11-16, 2013, Bangkok.
- CA Regional Meeting / Workshop on CBDP / EMERGENCY / DRR. April 23 - 27, 2013, Yogyakarta - Indonesia.
- Hosted the visit of **Bucheon Community Rehabilitation Center (Caritas Korea)** on May 21, 2013. Caritas Taiwan organized their visit to Long Shan Special Education Center & St. Anne's Home for the Mentally Retarded.



STOP HUNGER (May 25, 2013): The long march for Stop Hunger Awareness was participated by the Catholic Secondary Schools, Parishes and Religious Priests and Sisters.

Caritas - Hong Kong 60th Anniversary International Conference on "Visioning the Future - Partnership in Building a Relational Society." May 15-18, 2013.

LENTEN CAMPAIGN Faith Charity & Hope

Responses to International Appeals:
(in US Dollar)

Caritas Bangladesh	10,000
Caritas Sri Lanka	10,000
Caritas Uzbekistan	2,000
Caritas Mongolia (Container Van)	8,000
Tanzania	3,000
Uganda	5,000
Burkina Faso	5,000
North Korea	3,000
CI (Walk for Hunger)	10,000
CA Sustainable Agriculture	10,000
CA Anti Human Trafficking	10,000



Subsidized the Caritas of the following Dioceses:
(in New Taiwan Dollar)

Taipei	92,000
Hsinchu	210,000
Taichung	324,000
Chiayi	652,000
Tainan	428,000
Kaoshiung	277,000
Hualien	413,000

Justice and Peace Concern for the Migrants



As of October 2013, the number of foreign workers reached to almost half a million mostly from Indonesia and Vietnam. The manufacturing industry has the highest number of foreign workers 257, 138 mostly from Vietnam. The service sector is next with 205,520 mostly from Indonesia and Vietnam and the construction industry has the lowest number 3,052 mostly from Thailand.

Issues and Concerns:

Recruiting Agency Fee: The Placement fee of new workers coming to Taiwan is getting more exorbitant from 120,000 -150, 000 pesos and more.

Domestic Helpers or Caretakers: Domestic Helpers have long working hours, no day off, no overtime pay, and

they are neither protected by the Labor Standards Law of Taiwan.

Salary and Overtime Pay: Some brokers/ companies made the workers believe that they are allowed to lower the salary rate or not to pay their over time.

Responses and Interventions:

Information and Education: The office regularly visits the 10 communities in the Taipei Diocese to give information and educate the foreign workers on their rights and responsibilities

Case Management: This year, the office handled 247 cases (head count). Thirty percent of the cases are the excessive placement fee.

Lobbying and Advocacy: The office together with other NGOs had joined Press Conferences and public protest to pressure the government to recognize the rights of the workers

Networking: The office has a strong collaboration and network with other NGOs.

Visits to the Detention Centers: Every Wednesday

Summer Volunteer Program Northern Thailand

The Summer Volunteer Program of Caritas Taiwan to the villages in Northern Thailand continues to evolve with the latest trend of learning and teaching methodology.

This program which started with Teachers' Training is also introducing creative forms of learning like interactive games, art craft and performing arts. The professional teacher volunteers are also introducing the advance computer lessons that would be helpful to enhance the students' use of the computers.

Recently, Ecological Awareness was one of the concerns that was brought out in the trainings. This aimed to promote issues that do not only tackle about environmental protection but also public hygiene.



Caritas Internationalis China Socio-Pastoral Conference 2013 - Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C.

Caritas Internationalis organized the China Socio-Pastoral Conference in Taipei, Taiwan with the collaboration of Caritas Taiwan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Taiwan.

The conference was graced by Msgr. Paul Russell the Charge d Affaires Apostolic Nunciature in China and Msgr. Ante Jozic - Holy See Study Mission in Hong Kong, Bishop Isao Yama Kikuchi - Caritas Asia President, Bishop Philip Huang - Caritas Taiwan President and Michel Roy the General Secretary of Caritas Internationalis.

The keynote address was given by Fr. Michael Yeung, CEO of Caritas Hong Kong.

Dr. Anthony Lam from the Holy Spirit Study Center in Hong Kong shared about "Situationer on China."

Fr. Heyndrickx Jeroom, CICM Verbiest Institute gave an "Update in the Church in China."

Fr. Joseph Zhang Kexiang from Liaoning China presented an "Overview of the Church and Social Development Work in China."



There were nine participants from Mainland China, priests and lay persons, who are involved in operating the social services in their respective dioceses and parishes.

The conference was enriched by the presentations of the social service programs of the church in China and by the interchange of challenges and ideas shared by the Taiwan based social institutions.

The participants include: Caritas Germany, Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, CAFOD, Verbiest Foundation (Taipei), Hua Guang Handicapped Children Education Organization, religious priest and sisters in Taiwan.

The conference was held in Hsien Tien City, Taipei from November 30 to December 2, 2013.

After the conference, Caritas Taiwan organized a three days exposure program for the participants from China. In Taipei, the group visited Cardinal Tien Hospital, St. Anne's Home for the Mentally Retarded and Taipei Zhi-Shan Senior - Home.

On the second day, in Lotung they visited St. Mary's Hospital, St. Camillus Center for the mentally Handicapped Children and Long Term Care Center, St. Mary's Nursing and Management College, and the Indigenous people's village.

The third day was a Cultural Trip to the national Palace Museum and movie viewing of the documentary film "See Taiwan."

The exposure program created a renewed perspective among the participants on how their service in China can be improved in the areas where they are doing the work.



China Concern Summer Camps



The camp brought these youth new learnings that made them value life, their relationship with others and their environment.

Seventeen Caritas volunteers organized four Summer Camps in China namely in San-Si, Si-Chuan, and He-Bei from July 6 to August 12, 2013.

The two camps in San-Si were participated by 200 and 300 youth respectively.

There were 50 participants in Si-Chuan and 80 (all girls) participants in He-Bei.

The camps that were simultaneously held have a 7 days program inclusive of topics like: Relationship to One's Self and Others, Pre-Marital Education, Physical Exercise, Acting Workshop using stories from the Gospel,

Do-It-Yourself Art Crafts, Environmental Awareness Activities and Prayer.

The camps aimed to bring to the young people new experiences that can nourish their talents, to introduce new skills and to lead them to appreciate the value of life.



Caritas volunteers to China met and received the sent off blessings of Fr. Peter Mertens, Caritas Taiwan Executive Director and Sr. Emma Lee.

“Charity Van” for Mongolia



Caritas Taiwan Executive Director, Fr. Peter Mertens looks on the uploading of the school furnitures donated by Taipei American School to school in Mongolia.

This is the third time that Caritas Taiwan campaigned from the Catholic schools and benefactors goods for the Catholic projects in Mongolia. It was providential that a friend of Caritas promoted the campaign to Taipei American School which donated classroom tables and chairs and other school furnitures that filled up one container van.

Two other container vans were packed with clothes, school materials, kitchen utensils, rolls of clothes.

The container vans were sent to CARITAS Mongolia and to the Catholic Projects through Msgr. Wenseslao Padilla.

Msgr. Wenseslao Padilla, Bishop of Mongolia (left) and the Representative of Taiwan in Mongolia (right) received the “Charity Van” from Caritas Taiwan.

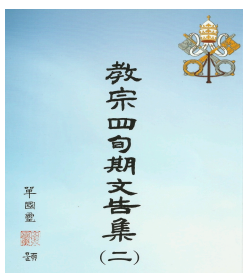


PUBLICATIONS and Translations



Translated and published biligual (Chinese and English) booklets the APOSTOLIC LETTER issued 'MOTU PROPRIO' of the SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI “On The Service of Charity”

Printed: 500 Copies



Published the second volume of the Pope’s translated Lenten Messages from 2002 to 2013.

Printed: 200 Copies



Second publication of the **Marriage Preparation Handbook**.

Printed: 300 Copies



Pope’s Message for the **WORLD PEACE DAY 2013**

Pope’s **LENTEN MESSAGE 2013**

Caritas Newsletters

Participations Local and International

Caritas Asia and Ocenia: Conference Week with the theme “*Church of the Poor: The Pedestal of the Works and Services of Caritas.*” Held in Singapore from June 19 to 22, 2013.



CA Regional Meetings & Exposure Workshop on “Anti-Trafficking of Women and Children.” Held on August 27- 31, 2013 Bangkok, Thailand.

Caritas Asia: Regional Training Program on Risk Management held on October 24 - 27, 2013, Bangkok, Thailand.



Caritas Taiwan organized the yearly Diocesan Caritas meeting in Kaoshiung from July 30 to August 1, 2013. The meeting was headed by by Bishop Philip Huang, President of Caritas Taiwan and Sr. Emma Lee, DC. The encounter was enriched by the sharing of the Diocesan Caritas representatives.