

2018 REPORT

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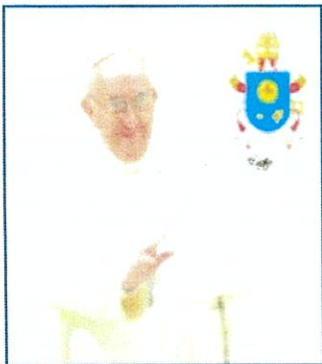
天主教會四旬期愛德運動

Enkindle the love of Christ



Follow the footsteps of the saints

PUBLICATIONS and Translations



Chinese translations of Pope Francis' Messages:

World Day of Peace

"Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace"

Lenten Message

"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24: 12)

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

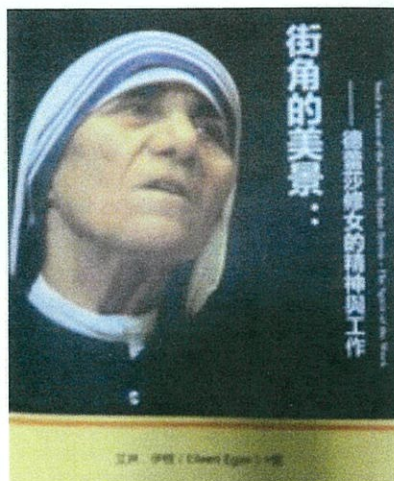
"Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees"

Such a Vision of the Street: Mother Teresa -- The Spirit of the Work

This book by Eileen Egan accounts the life of Mother Teresa in her early years in Calcutta, caring for the outcasts who are left on the streets to die, has inspired other Christian denominations on working with the poor.

Caritas Taiwan printed a Chinese version to promote her life and work to the wider readers especially to those who are doing work of charity.

Mother Teresa is one of the Patron Saints of Caritas Internationalis - Confederation.



Years in the Refugee Camp

This is a memoir of Sr. Chen Liqing, one of the two Taiwanese vocations of the Maryknoll Sisters who served in Tanzania for almost 40 years.

Her story is a testimony of faith that resonates to Pope Francis' encouragement to be "joyful and enthusiastic as a response to the call of sanctification."

Caritas Taiwan in one way or another had helped Sr. Chen Liqing's projects and mission in her years in Tanzania.

International Volunteer Program

Summer Camps are organized each year by Caritas Taiwan in different places in China with the collaboration of some religious priests and nuns in the schools or parishes.

In 2018, the volunteers who are professional teachers in Taiwan divided among themselves the topics and activities for the students.

The themes and topics conducted in the camp are environmental awareness on care for the environment and care for the earth" activity.

The also have drama workshops by portraying the different stories and characters in the Gospel.

Most importantly is the Life Education session that led students to know, to value and to appreciate themselves.

It took almost two months for the volunteers-teachers to prepare their lessons and workshops. They also attended orientation to understand the charism of Caritas that is the core motivation of the volunteer program.

Most of the volunteer teachers have happy memories of the Summer Camp that contributed to their growth professionally and as persons.

(Venues of the camp - withheld)



Justice & Peace Work with the Migrants



Together with its network, the Migrants Empowerment Network in Taiwan (MENT), Caritas Taiwan continues to lobby for the protection of the migrant workers especially for the domestic workers' rights and welfare.

The recent amendments of the Labor Standards Law has called the attention of the migrant workers who bear the consequences of unfair calculation of over time pay and wages.

Motivated by the invitation of Share the Journey to listen to the stories of the migrants and refugees, some friends of Caritas Taiwan who heard about the plight and situation of the migrant workers extended their support especially to the women in the detention center by donating undergarments and food.

There are around 640,000 migrant workers in Taiwan that hails from Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines and Thailand.

For more than 5 years, Taiwan ranks Tier 1 because of its anti trafficking in person prevention efforts.



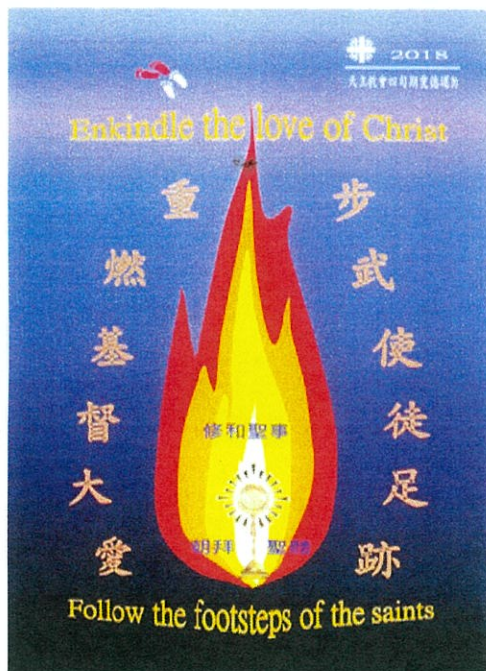
The growing number of Vietnamese migrant workers in Taiwan has also increased the number of Vietnamese Catholic in parishes nearest to them. Local parishes that are frequented by Catholic migrants mostly Filipinos and Vietnamese, have Eucharistic celebration in their local language.

In Taipei, the Vietnamese community celebrated the feast of the Vietnamese martyrs in St. Christopher's Church which was attended by Vietnamese from Kaoshiung and some other parts of Taiwan.

Caritas Taiwan has been collaborating with Fr. Tran Van Thiet and his team in their regular apostolate to the Vietnamese fishermen. For almost 2 years now, Caritas is soliciting winter clothes, cap or bonnet to be distributed to the fishermen who hardly have descent place to rest or sleep while they are on board.



Lenten Campaign



In his Lenten Message, the Holy Father, Pope Francis particularly reminded us to rekindle the love of Christ by learning the life and examples of the saints.

The Pope also encourage the Eucharistic Adoration in the parish.

For the Lenten Campaign, Caritas Taiwan also promoted the local Camino de Santiago that is popularized in Spain as a way to have spiritual retreat.

There are suggested trails and organized pilgrimage for those who are interested.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Flood and landslide in Mongolia	10,000
CA: Anti Human Trafficking Program	10,000
CA: Sustainable Agriculture Program	10,000
Caritas Almaty: For the poor children	7,000
CI: Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh	10,000
CAFOD: DARFUR Program	10,000
CI: South Sudan	10,000
Emergency Response	3,000
Total	70,000

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Taipei Diocese	160,000
Taichung Diocese	216,000
Chiayi Diocese	269,000
Hualien Diocese	356,000
Tainan Diocese	1,058,000
Total	2,059,000

The funds that were raised in the Lenten Campaign was distributed according to the needs of the Catholic institutions in the Dioceses of Taiwan. It was also apportioned to respond to the Emergency Appeals of CI and other Caritas partners and collaborators abroad.

National Caritas Annual Meeting



The annual meeting of Caritas Dioceses was held on July 24-26, 2018 in Taipei. The meeting was graced by Caritas President, Bishop Philip Huang, Archbishop of Taipei Rev. Bishop John Hung and Fr. Willy Ollevier representing the Association of Religious Major Superiors.

Caritas Macau Director, Mr. Paul Pun was invited to share about best practices of Caritas Macau and how they overcome the different challenges until they reached what is Caritas Macau to date.

Each Diocesan Caritas also shared how they have progressed through the years by learning new things from their experiences and having set their own structure to function as Caritas. Sr. Emma Lee, the Director of Caritas Taiwan, expressed the willingness to accompany them to strengthen their programs and to manage the different challenges.

In the annual meeting, there was also the evaluation of project proposals that will be subsidized from the funds raise from the Lenten Campaign.

Diocesan Caritas kaoshiung



Taking by heart Pope Francis message on 2nd World Day of the Poor, the Caritas of Kaoshiung Diocese organized a meal with the disadvantage families to be in solidarity with them and to extend the love of Christ to them.

On November 18, 2018, the dinner was held in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary where 24 tables of 10 persons were set up.

The guests were treated as VIPs and there was a sharing of their life situation. Their poverty that springs forth from dysfunctional families like divorce or the lack of capacity to raise a family.

The guests were delighted by the warm welcome especially that they received blessings from Rev. Bishop Liu of Kaoshiung Diocese who graced the occasion and interacted with the VIPs.

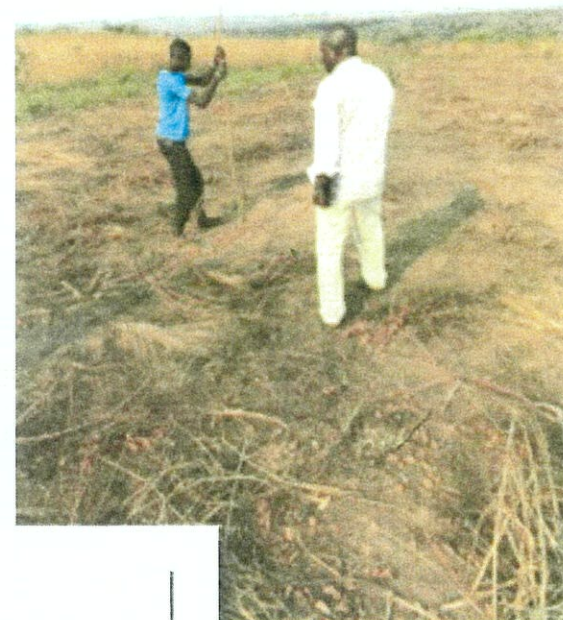
One guest who resides under the bridge shared that he really prepared for the banquet dedicated to them by cleaning himself very well.



Project Soya Bean

In order to remedy the problem of food shortage and malnutrition in Africa, a Taiwanese professor and founder of African Soy Bean Program, Mr. Kou -- sought the help of Caritas Taiwan to subsidize plantation process to launch this soya bean plantation project to help small communities propagate their own garden as a source of food.

Fr. Gabriel of the Sacred Heart of the Sacred Heart from Kananga, Congo supervises the progress of the project.



Dean Matthew

Greetings from Kananga.

In accordance with our agricultural calendar which runs from September 15 to October 15 for the plowing, we started plowing today and will keep you informed of the evolution of all the work that will be undertaken for the success of our soybean project.

Thanks and let's keep in touch

Yours,

Father Gabriel



Canonization Caritas Patron Saints



The Church in Taiwan celebrated the canonization of Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero (Archbishop of El Salvador) by publishing in the Catholic Weekly their respective life and work in the church.

Born Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini on the 26th September 1897, Pope Paul VI led the Catholic Church from 1963 until his death on August 6, 1978.

Succeeding John XXIII, Paul VI continued the Second Vatican Council - which he closed in 1965 - implementing its numerous reforms.

Oscar Romero, who will become the first Salvadoran saint, was born on August 15, 1917. He was gunned down during Mass in a hospital chapel on March 24, 1980, a day after telling an army made up largely of peasants that they were killing their own people.

Pope Francis canonized them on October 14, 2018 in Rome.

Caritas Taiwan Participation and Activities



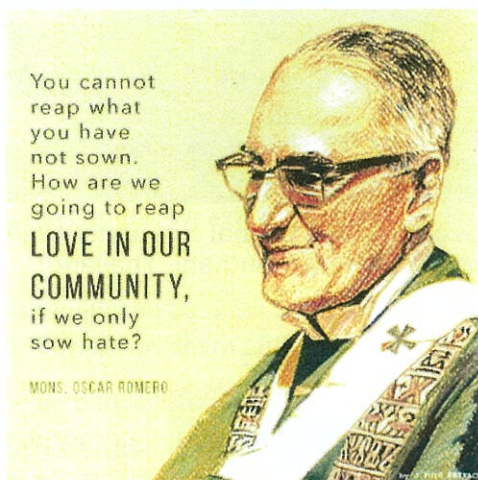
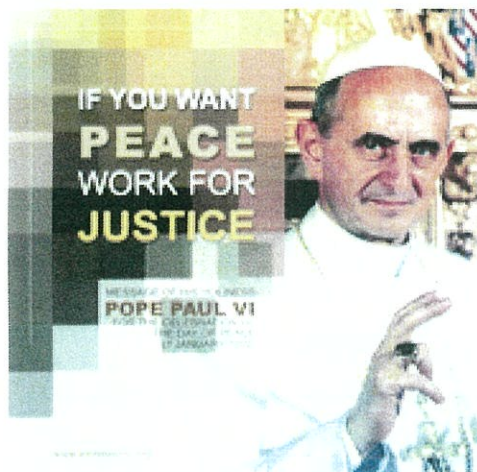
June 12-13. Caritas Asia Regional Conference and Partners' Forum



November 30. Global Solidarity Walk and Anti-violence Against Women and Children. (Udonthani, Thailand)



#sharejourney Caritas Taiwan continues to promote in the universities and dioceses Pope Francis' **Share the Journey Campaign**. The prayer for this campaign is prayed during the Sunday Masses in different parishes.



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