

2019 REPORT

CARITAS Taiwan

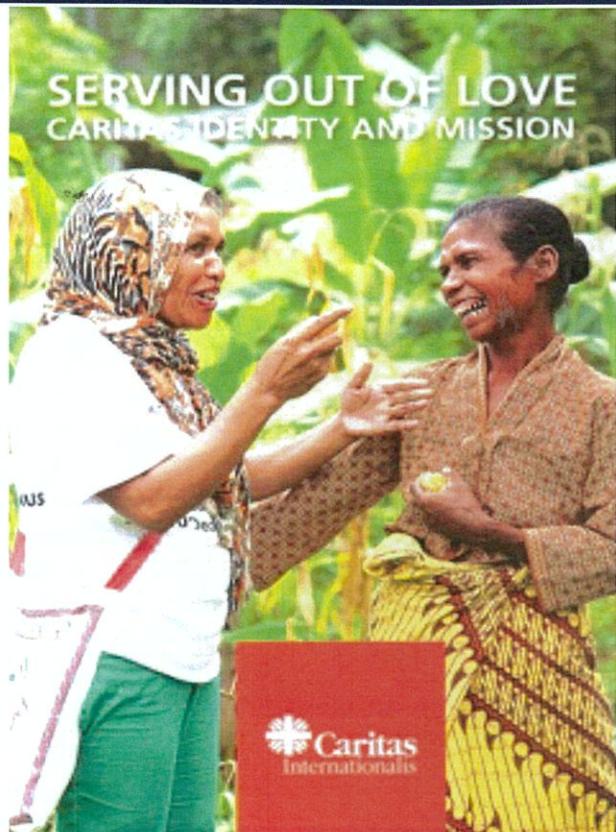


活出愛的服務
明愛會的身分和使命



Serving Out of Love

Caritas Identity and Mission



It is our great hope that the Chinese translation of *Serving Out of Love - Caritas Identity and Mission* will give the Chinese community more profound understanding of our work of charity in the church and society.

As Pope Francis said, "This is why we must avoid assimilating the work of charity with philanthropic efficacy or with planning efficiency..." he stated, reiterating "that charity is not an idea or a pious feeling, but it is an experiential encounter with Christ; it is the desire to live with the heart of God who does not ask us to have a generic love, affection, solidarity, etc. for the poor, but to meet Himself in them."

TAIWAN DIOCESES	NTD
Taichung	416,300
Chiayi	826,125
Tainan	701,804
Kaoshiung	523,500
Hualien	252,000
Total	2,719,729

The Lenten Campaign proceeds benefited the dioceses who made proposals to subsidize their social service centers. Likewise, it also responded to the emergency appeals in the international level.



NO.	INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES	USD
1	Cambodia Water System	5,000
2	Caritas Asia: Anti Trafficking	10,000
3	Caritas Asia: Organic Farming	10,000
4	Hunger in Africa	10,000
5	Rohingya: Education for Children	10,000
6	Syria Refugees in Lebanon	10,000
7	Kyrgyzstan	10,000
8	CAFOD: Darfur	10,000
9	Flood in Pakistan	5,000
	Total	80,000

International Volunteer Program Northern Thailand



For almost 40 years, Caritas Taiwan has been facilitating the teacher and student volunteers to the villages in Northern Thailand to give teachers training to the local teachers in the Chinese schools. Several volunteers have been going back every summer to do volunteer work.

This summer 2019, the sending off of volunteers was graced by the presence of Mr. Lin - Deputy Director of Overseas Chinese Affairs who especially thanked Caritas Taiwan for its care for the culture and education of the Chinese compatriots in the region. He also said that only religious and selfless love can continue serving in such a way.



A Thai priest who is studying Mandarin in Taiwan blessed the volunteers before their departure.



In mid-August, a group of teacher volunteers conducted a seven-days summer camp in Mainland China. The camp was attended by 40 children and teenagers who delved with the theme Freedom and Value, Love and Life.

The volunteers and participants though made several changes of plans and adjustments due to unavoidable circumstances. Everyone discovered and learned how to be creative to adjust to the situation.

In spite of the limited space or venue and the heat of summer, the participants showed a great appreciation to the teaching of value, faith and freedom.

The teachers also observed the growth of the children as they share their highlight of the day. The atmosphere of the group has turned the indifference to cooperation and unity.

(Place and names withheld)

Work with the Migrants Share the Journey



Inspired by Share the Journey to welcome and to listen to the migrants, Caritas Taiwan has renewed hope as it continues to advocate the welfare of the migrant workers in Taiwan that hailed from Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines and Indonesia. In 2019, together with the Migrants Empowerment Network in Taiwan, we continue to appeal for the safety of the workers and to break the cruel web of broker system.



While the Vietnamese fishermen face their own struggle of not having a descent place to rest because they are all confined in the small fishing boat banker. Fr. Thiet, a Vietnamese Scalabrinian priest and a Daughters of Charity sister accompanied them and distributed clothing.



Anti Human Trafficking Program

2019 International Workshop on Combating Human Trafficking

The National Immigration Authority (NIA) of Taiwan organized this workshop in line with the United Nation designated “World Day of Trafficking in Persons” was attended by over 50 members of Caritas Confederation. In addition to Caritas Internationalis President - Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, other participants also included CI Secretary General Aloysius John, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi who represented the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Development.

In His keynote speech, Cardinal Tagle focused on “How Caritas Internationalis is combating human trafficking with its global network.” He outlined the initiatives carried out by its organization to address this important issue and to implement Pope Francis’ vision and decisions on combating human trafficking.



In his address, Taiwan Vice President Chen Chien-Jen noted that Taiwan’s international organization for its efforts to fight human trafficking can be attributed to the close collaboration between the public and private sectors.

The workshop was held in Howard Hotel, Taipei on July 25&26, 2019. The estimated number of participants from the local sector and international community was about 250.

Caritas Asia Meeting

On July 27, 2019, Caritas member organization met to wrap-up and share reflections about the international workshop on combating human trafficking especially in the context of Asia. The meeting was headed by Caritas Asia President, Dr. Benedict Alo D’ Rozario, Caritas Taiwan Director, Sr. Emma Lee and CA Regional Coordinator Zar Gomez. Our gratitude also to Fr. Bruno Cecire for organizing and mobilizing the Caritas participants to be able to join this important event.



Events



Case management Workshop on Safe Migration and Anti-Human Trafficking | Siem Reap | February 25-28, 2019



Caritas Asia Regional Conference | Bangkok | March 21-22, 2019



21st CI General Assembly | Rome | May 23-28, 2019

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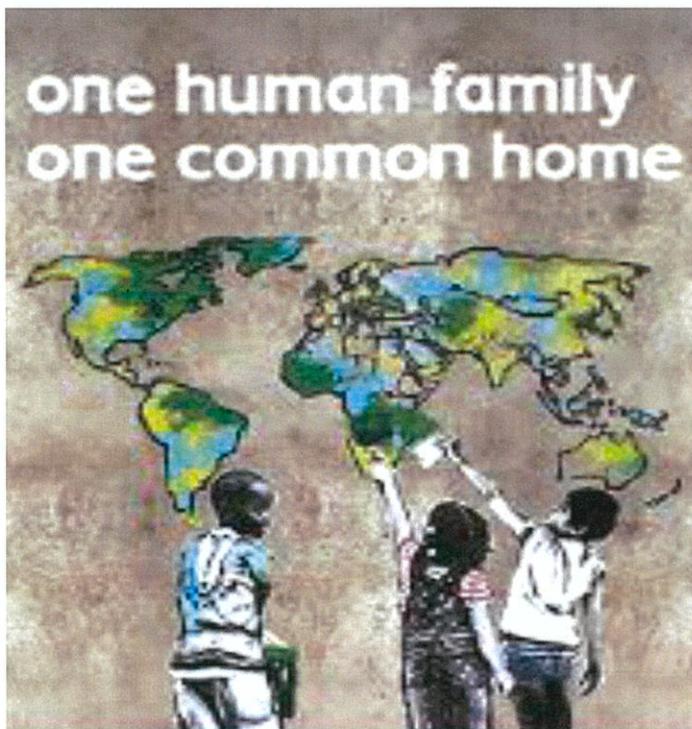


National Interfaith Forum on Combating Human Trafficking | Cambodia | August 13-17, 2019



Caritas Taiwan Annual Diocesan Meeting | Hualien, Taiwan | Aug. 6-8, 2019

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