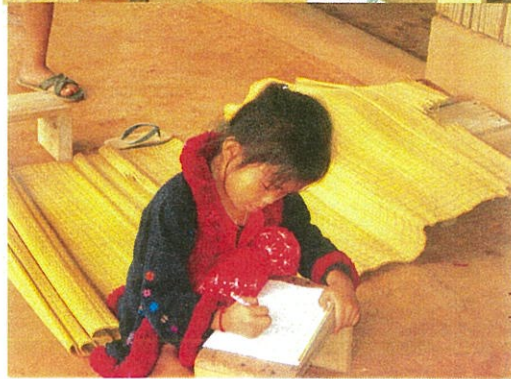


2020 REPORT

# CARITAS Taiwan



## HUMANITY

still has the ability  
to work together in  
building our  
common home.

– Pope Francis –  
Laudato Si



Caritas Taiwan is a national office but being a member of Caritas Internationalis Confederation, it is operating locally and globally as well.

**LENTEN CAMPAIGN** Caritas Taiwan mobilizes the Lenten Campaign for the seven dioceses in the island. It prepares all the educational and spiritual materials to serve the faithful in this liturgical season. The proceeds of the Lenten Campaign is distributed to the different projects of the dioceses and for humanitarian aid abroad as emergency response to the humanitarian needs.

**CHINESE TRANSLATIONS OF CHURCH DOCUMENTS** one of the important services rendered by Caritas to the local church in Taiwan is the translation of church documents. Every year, it takes produce and distribute Chinese translations of the Holy Father's messages for the World Day of Peace, Lenten Message and Day for Migrants and Refugees among others. Recently, it published the book on the life of Mother Teresa of Calcutta "Such a Vision in the Street."

**INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM** For more than 30 years, Caritas Taiwan has been actively involve in the Chinese Education in the villages of northern Thailand with the purpose of maintaining the Chinese culture amongst the stateless Chinese. Every year, Caritas Taiwan mobilizes 30 to 40 volunteer students and teachers to conduct teachers' training to the local teachers and give different activities to the students.

**WORK WITH THE MIGRANTS** Caritas Taiwan initiated the work with the migrants as a response to distress migrant workers when Taiwan government has not yet systematize its policy to protect the migrant workers. To date, Caritas is still actively involve through its network in improving the welfare of domestic workers and other advocacies.



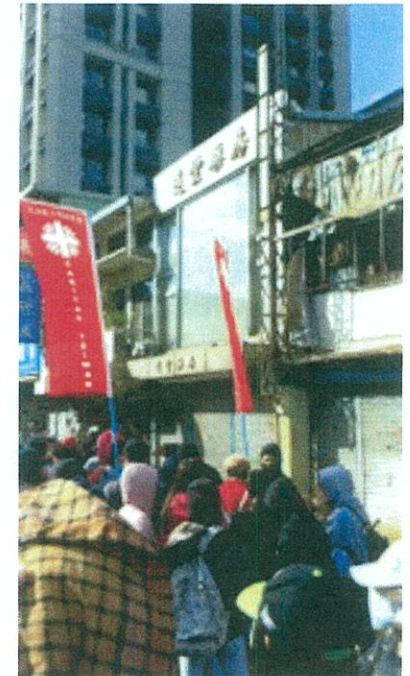
### 2019 Rally: ABOLISH BORKER SYSTEM

It has been 30 years since the introduction of the migrant workers in Taiwan. However the problem of the broker system still rampant and seems has never been given proper attentions by the government. At present there is a direct hiring recruitment and agency evaluation but it is not in full strength to eliminate bad agencies and to have good ones that could help well the employers and migrant workers.

Since Direct Hiring system was established in 2008, only few avail the system. Its rate is very low because of the existence of the intermediary party, the brokerage. It's more convenient for the employer to have an agent than to process the paper by themselves and it reduces the financial burden of the employer. The cost is bore by the migrant workers but their services in most cases favor the employers. It allows the employer to hire migrant workers at a low cost and less tedious. According to the report released, the effectiveness of the direct hiring system, was not satisfactory and the Ministry of Labor was requested to review the system.

The private agencies monopolize the migrant employment market not only the monetary but also the information basic to migrant workers, making them ignorant of their rights and interest. Countless of migrant workers have been exploited, deceived and sacrificed for many years under the existing broker system. For this reason, MENT is demanding the Taiwan government to abolish the existing Broker System and have G to G Direct Hiring - Government to Government Direct Hiring.

MENT ends the year 2019 with a grand protest/rally on December 8 during the International Migrant Sunday in Taipei City. It was participated by different NGOs, Indonesian, Thai, Filipino Vietnamese and local workers calling the government of Taiwan to have a Government to Government direct hiring of migrant workers and to abolish the intermediary party- brokerage. (by: Alice Librea)



Sr. Maria (Daughters of Charity) and Fr. Thiet (Scalabrinian Priest) both Vietnamese have regular visitation to the migrant fishermen in the different fishing ports of North Eastern Taiwan.



In December 2019, they distributed winter clothing and bonnets to 400 fishermen.

The winter clothes were donated by the Sacred Heart School in Chiayi and some friends.

## Caritas Love for Blind Service Report



From the Love for Visually Impaired Recording Group of the Federation of Youth Workers' to Love for Visually Impaired of Light and Salt, in the past 40 years, they have been serving in the church for the rights of visually impaired friends. In 2019, as a result of organizational change Sister Emma Lee, CEO of Caritas Taiwan, incorporated the information service for the visually impaired into Caritas Taiwan service projects to continue providing the visually impaired with the required information. Especially in order to allow the visually impaired students in school to study together with other ordinary classmates, since the visually impaired students attending ordinary schools have the same academic progress as ordinary students, they need more assistance to keep up with ordinary students. In order to prevent the visually impaired students from having a gap with their classmates in their studies, Caritas makes general printed text for the visually impaired students into digital, mathematical and geographic graphics. In the year of 2019, 107 visually impaired students from elementary school to high school have

been served. A total of 3,520 pages of visual learning materials, 1,101 pages of braille pictures, and 1,879 pages of braille prints for visually impaired students were produced. It solves the dilemma of visually impaired students' inability to read general text books, and make them not only integrate into the mainstream environment but also learn and succeed.

In addition, in view of the development of technology, visually impaired persons can read information more conveniently through mobile phones or computers. In order to cater for the mental needs of the visually impaired, Caritas Taiwan has begun to produce EPUB e-books of Catholic Church saints and deities. In order to avoid the inconvenience of mailing to the library for the visually impaired, it will be given to friends with visual impairment from 2020 onwards, so that those who are eager to know the Lord can feel the love of God.

Based on the information-rich Internet age, Caritas actively collects the correct and available information for the visually impaired (including Taiwan and China) in combination with enthusiastic volunteers, and forward various visually impaired activities once or twice a week by email group. , computer network operation skills and other articles. A total of 100 transfers of about 50,000 people were shared in 2019. Make it safe and convenient to read useful information and grow in love.

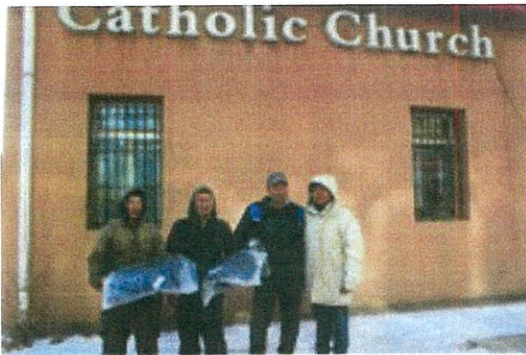


## Sending Warm to Mongolia

Fr. Ronald Magbanua, a Filipino CICM Parish Priest of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Ulanbatur, Mongolia discovered a community of poor people who are in dire need of food and warm clothes.

Caritas Taiwan appealed to Caritas Diocese based in Tianjing, China to sent thick winter clothes to Mongolia. To which the Catholic Social Service Centers generously responded by sending 50 brand new jackets that reaches Fr. Ronald on time for Christmas.

Together with the parish staff and volunteers, they distributed the jackets on Christmas week together with some stuff like rice, flour, oil and other basic needs.



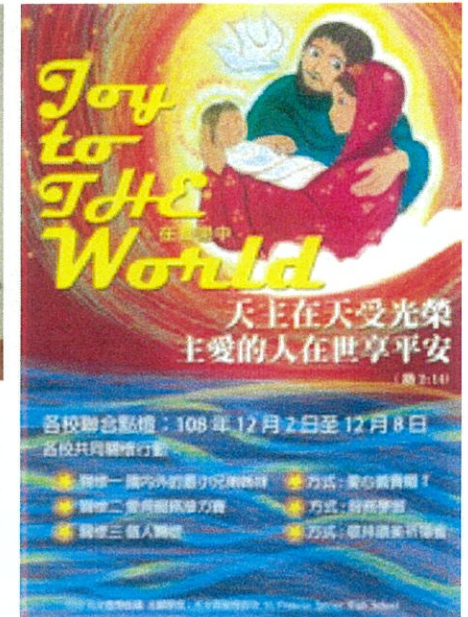
## National Catholic School Week



Caritas Taiwan received the amount of NT\$212,765 from the organization of 47 Catholic schools in Taiwan for the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh. The turn over of the donation was held at St. Francis High School in Taoyuan, Taiwan on December 25, 2019.

In 2019, the annual Catholic School Week was celebrated with the theme "Joy to the World." Every school ran a fundraising activity by selling youthful red sweat shirt with the image of the Holy Family printed on it which perfectly coincided the Christmas season.

Other activities are contests on the singing of the theme song by school or group and a video presentation on the topic of "service."

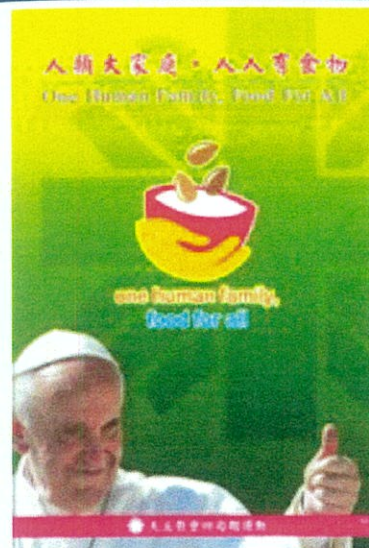
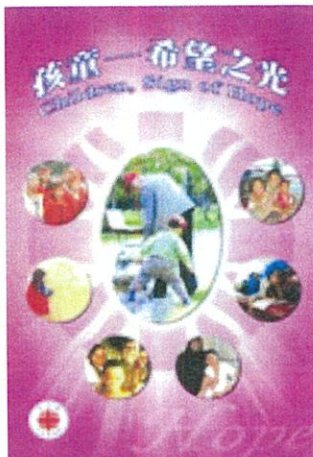
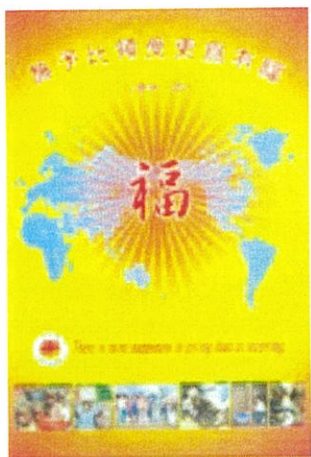


This is the Catholic school's 2nd year of raising the students' awareness of their social responsibilities to their poor brothers and sisters overseas.

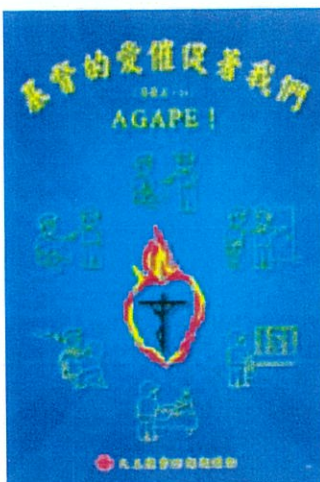


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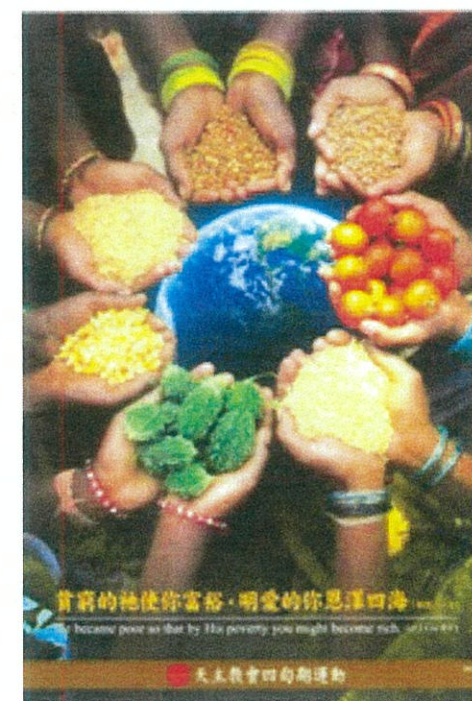
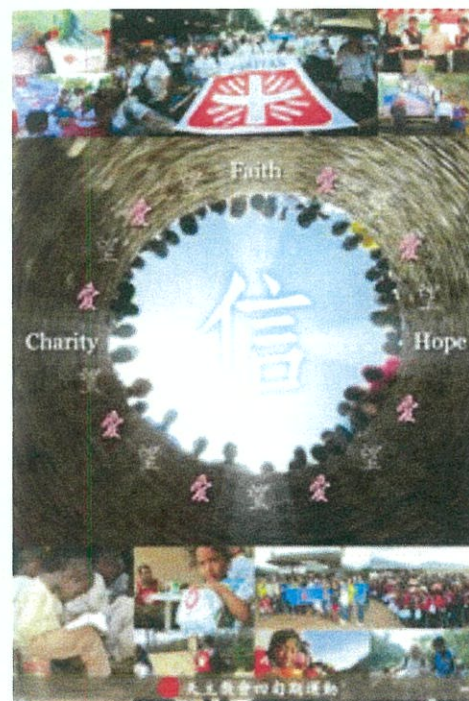
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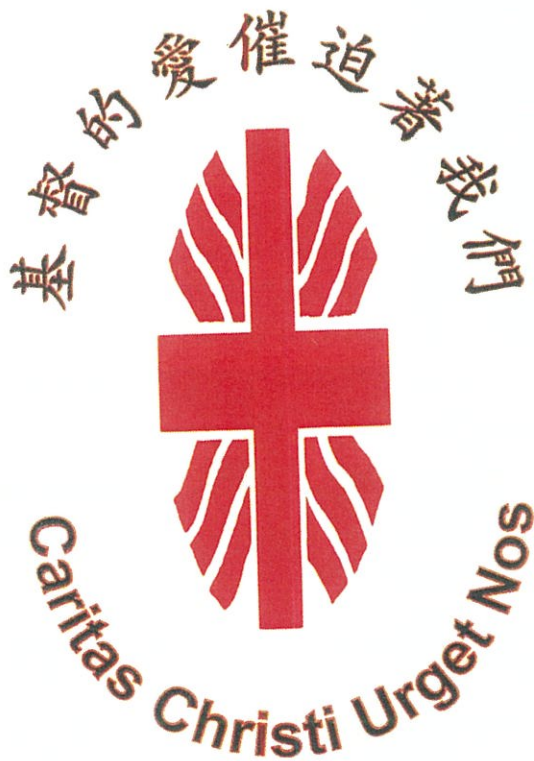


The proceeds of the Lenten Campaign subsidized several diocesan social services projects. This has also paved the way of the local church to be aware of the needs of other people abroad. Through this act of solidarity, Caritas Taiwan is able response to the Emergency Appeals of Caritas Internationalis to help people who are either victims of conflicts or natural calamities.



Caritas Taiwan annually provides the dioceses and parishes Lenten Campaign materials bearing the theme from the Lenten Message of the Pope. The Lenten Campaign kit includes recommended books to read, prayer cards, CD with videos to help Catholics journey through the liturgical season of prayer, fasting and alms giving.





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