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About Ignitus!

Social Mission with Love

Coming together as one body in our social mission and our faith, we remember and celebrate the amazing love of God shown in our Singapore history. Through the sharing of our mission work, we continue to strengthen all involved in our current day service and efforts, while journeying with people in need in our community and around the region.

The aim of this event is to ignite the desire in everyone to answer the call, join in, and reach out to our vulnerable brothers and sisters. In doing so, we unite to bring the love and mercy of God to all.



Programme Outline

- 0900 • Opening Prayer and Welcome Address
- 0915 • Panel Sharing
‘Ignite! Passion for Social Mission’
- 1030 • Keynote Address
‘Putting the individual at the heart of our Social Mission’
- 1115 • Theological Reflection
Social Mission with Love
- 1200 • Lunch Break
- 1300 • Breakout Tracks 1 and 2 (Concurrent)
1 | One Body in Christ 2 | Bearing Witness
- 1430 • Breakout Tracks 3 and 4 (Concurrent)
3 | Steadfast Love of God 4 | Loving God’s Children
- 1600 • Closing Address followed by Online Mass
- 1800 • End

Welcome Address



Prof Tan Cheng Han

Chairman, Caritas Singapore

Tan Cheng Han is the Chair of Caritas Singapore. He is also the Dean of the School of Law at the City University of Hong Kong, President of the Asian Law Schools Association, and a member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools.

Ignite! Passion for Social Mission

What moved them to serve those in need?
What drives their passion for their mission?



Moderated by:
Josephine Koh
Deputy Chairman, CHARIS



Rev Fr John Lester Tajon, SJ
SJ, Vicar General of Battambang

He belongs to the Society of Jesus order and has been assigned to the Cambodian mission for over 10 years. Within his Jesuit community, family and friends, he is known as “Father BongBong”. Father BongBong is an Electrical Engineer by training and is able to do more for the Cambodian mission as an engineer-priest.

He holds a Masters degree in Philosophy and a Masters in Theology (Major in Pastoral Ministry), and currently serves as the parish priest in Mary Mother of Peace Church, Battambang, Cambodia.



Mr Alex Yam
Mayor for North West District & Member of Parliament for Yew Tee

He is also the Executive Director of PAP and serves as Advisor to the United Workers of Petroleum Industries of the National Trade Union Congress (NTUC) in Singapore.

Alex began his journey in community work on the encouragement of his parents, and served in various volunteer organisations and the grassroots for over a decade before entering politics in 2011. He advocates strongly pro-family policies, religious and racial harmony, anti-human trafficking legislation and care for the vulnerable. As Mayor, his focus is on assisting the needy, bonding the people, and connecting the community.

Alex and his family worship at the Church of our Lady of Perpetual Succour and are active in various ministries. Having lost their first child due to miscarriage, the family leads a support group for others who have suffered miscarriages, stillbirths or abortions.



Ms Yenni Suryani

Country Manager, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Indonesia

She leads CRS in its mission which focuses on both community development and humanitarian programmes. She has also led emergency response programmes in Indonesia, Philippines (under Caritas International's mandate) and Nepal.

In her 28 years with CRS, Yenni has worked in several programme positions, including the role of technical advisor for health, maternal and child health. In this position, she focuses on working with eight local partners to improve maternal and child nutrition by strengthening village-based health posts in four provinces in Indonesia. She was with CARE International for four years, supporting community mobilization for water, sanitation and hygiene programmes, including a community self-finance water system programme.

Yenni holds an undergraduate degree from Padjadjaran University, Indonesia and a Master from the University of East Anglia, England.



Mr Laurence Lien

Co-Chair of the Asia Philanthropy Circle (APC)

This is a platform for Asian philanthropists to exchange, learn and collaborate. Laurence is also the Chairman of Lien Foundation, a family foundation that is in the fields of early childhood education, eldercare and the environment. He is also the Chairman of Lien AID, the foundation's humanitarian arm for enabling sustainable access to clean water and sanitation for Asia's rural poor.

Previously, Laurence was the CEO of the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre in Singapore (2008-2014), and was the Chairman of the Community Foundation of Singapore (2013-2019). Prior to his work in the non-profit sector, Laurence served in the Singapore Government. He was also a Nominated Member of Parliament in Singapore (2012-2014).

Laurence is a parishioner of the Church of St Ignatius, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Caritas Singapore's Agape Fund.

Keynote Address

Putting the individual at the heart of our Social Mission

Mission and policies must begin from individual needs and maintain their focus on the individual.



Moderated by:
Teresa Mok
Board Member, CHARIS



Mr George Yeo

Visiting Scholar of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

He was in the SAF from 1972-1988 and, after entering politics, held various portfolios in the Singapore Government from 1988-2011. He was with the Kuok Group in HK from 2012 to 2021. From 2013 to 2020, he was a member of the Vatican's Council for the Economy. He now holds various appointments as a visiting scholar at LKYSPP, as a board member of AIA and PDD, and as an adviser to a number of companies and academic institutions.

He is a parishioner of the Church of the Holy Family.

Theological Reflection

Social Mission with Love

“It is not enough to say that Catholic charity is just a social mission with love. This is why church social workers must radiate the love and compassion of Christ when they serve, not just contend with meeting their material and physical needs. When the early missionaries came to Singapore to provide us with Catholic education, medical services, care for the aged and aid to the poor, it was not basically for humanitarian reasons. Along with the material and physical help, their underlying motivation was not even to spread the love of Christ but to offer the gift of faith to them as well. Indeed, it was through their witnessing of the gospel both in life and in words, that many of our forefathers gradually embraced the faith. They were inspired by their selfless sacrifices for them, seen in their works of charity and so were drawn towards Christ as well.”



Most Rev. William Goh

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Singapore

Rev. William Goh is the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Singapore. He assumed the office of Archbishop of Singapore in 2013. His Grace was ordained a priest in 1985 at the Church of the Holy Cross.

Breakout Track 1

One Body in Christ

Overseas Missions



Moderated by:

S Devendran

Board Member, CHARIS



Sr. Angela Ng

Coordinator, Canossian Myanmar Mission

Sr. Angela Ng is a Canossian Daughter of Charity, Coordinator of the Canossian Myanmar Mission, in charge of Canossa Home and the Formation of Educators Programme in Myanmar. She is a trained teacher and is happy to share her teaching experiences. She also finds her educators eager to learn and to serve with love.



Anthony Lim

Volunteer, Canossian Daughters of Charity

Inspiring overseas mission stories shared by coordinators and volunteers at the 2015 Humanitarian Forum & Fair, created an inner stirring in Anthony. A typical restless working adult searching for new life experiences, he embarked on a mission trip to Myanmar that same year, to teach at the Canossa Home in the programmes coordinated by Sr. Angela. While he had gone hoping to catch the mission experience, in the end it was the Spirit for the mission that caught him, including the pure joy and love that he encountered. Since then, Anthony became an active volunteer (one of many) with the Canossian Daughters of Charity in service of their Myanmar mission, led subsequent trips to Canossa Home, and partnered fellow volunteers to deliver virtual lessons to the children of the Home during this pandemic.



Wilfred Leong

Deputy chair (E³ Project) , Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore

Wilfred has been actively volunteering with Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore for more than 5 years, and has done outreach to refugee communities in Thailand and Indonesia. A passionate advocate of digital education, he is the deputy chair of the JRS E³ (Education for Economic Empowerment) programme. He has mentored and engaged 3 refugee interns for the past 2 years.



Christopher James

Founder, Fishing Rod Society

Listening to the moving testimonies of the speakers at the 2015 Humanitarian Forum & Fair, stirred Chris to take the first step on a journey he had always been passionate about but wasn't brave enough to embark; providing free education for the marginalized. With the assistance of family, friends and mentors at CHARIS, Fishing Rod Society "FRS" was formalised to look into the educational needs of refugee children in Malaysia. Chris understands the reservations, fears and challenges when a person is contemplating volunteering his/her time towards to the service of others. However, his work at FRS constantly reminds him that God is ultimately in charge and does wonders. All we need to do is to say "YES".



Lilian Ng

Founding Member, Project Micah

Lilian, who is 3 months short of 70 years old is one of Project Micah's founding members. She has been with us since 2010 and is very passionate about Myanmar Mission work as well as local charity groups especially those involving kids. Her passion and enthusiasm is something we can emulate!



Paul Christianto

Member, Project Micah

A vineyard worker since 2019 after his baptism, Paul is blessed and grateful to serve in Project Micah in the same year. Although his first trip couldn't take place because of COVID19, he is still looking forward to going there once the political tension has eased. Thanks to the various online sessions we have, Paul has been instrumental in organising and conducting Rosary sessions via Zoom together with his Cenacle team from Novena RCIA to connect with the communities in Myanmar and be united with them in prayer.

Breakout Track 2

Bearing Witness

Parish Outreach Missions



Moderated by:

Timothy Goh

Committee Member,
Ignitus! Social Mission with Love



Magdalene Tan

Church of St Ignatius

Magdalene Tan has been active in the parish of St Ignatius since 1992 and Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is one of the first ministries she joined after graduation.

She is currently the conference president of SSVP and the Bible Apostolate Team Coordinator at St Ignatius. She has served in the parish Social Mission Team and at the national level of SSVP. She is also the General Manager of aLife Ltd, an IPC charity serving women and families in need.



Nicholas Gabriel Lim

Church of St Mary of the Angels

Nicholas is a faithful servant of God, a beloved husband, a dedicated father, a caring son and brother, a developmental psychologist, a champion of youth causes, an altar server for more than 20 years, and Singapore's first Knight of the Altar! As a volunteer, Nicholas facilitates the work of numerous Outreach Ministries within St Mary's with like-minded colleagues who helped uplift the dignity of others, and especially the less fortunate.



Vincent Chua

Church of St Michael

Vincent is a parishioner of Church of Saint Michael for 20 years. He is serving as an extraordinary minister of the Holy Communion and is currently chairing the ministry. He was also the vice president of Willing Hearts in its early days, involved in cooking and serving/distributing meals to the community. He participated in social mission trips to Cambodia and is also active in reaching out and distributing food and drinks to some of the people who sleep out in our streets.

Breakout Track 3

Steadfast Love of God

Health concerns of the poor and needy



Moderated by:

Gerard Teo

Board Member, Caritas Singapore



Dr Dominic Chen

Volunteer with Abilities Beyond Limitations and Expectations (ABLE)

Dr Dominic Chen graduated with MBBS from NUS in 2010, obtained membership at the Royal College of Physicians United Kingdom in 2013 and completed the NUH Internal Medicine Residency in 2015. He subsequently completed the SingHealth Rehabilitation Medicine Senior Residency in 2019 and was accredited as a Rehabilitation Medicine Specialist in Singapore in the same year.

Dr Chen is blessed to be able to see Christ in serving persons with disabilities in his day-to-day work, in addition to being a husband to a beautiful wife, a father to three energetic children and a proud Teochew of a certain famous Church in Hougang.



Ms Choo Shiu Ling

CEO, Assisi Hospice

Ms Choo started her 20-year healthcare career first as a Physiotherapist at NUH and moved on to corporate roles such as Strategic Planning and Business Development, Operations Management, Performance Management and developed the SGH Campus Education Office.

During her service at SGH, Shiu Ling was also seconded to Bright Vision Hospital and played a vital role in its development and renovation to create a patient-centric environment.

She joined Assisi Hospice as CEO in November 2015. She is instrumental in the development and growth of Assisi Hospice to one of the largest palliative care providers in Singapore.



Adrienne Sng

Director (Clinical Services), Boys' Town

A clinical psychologist by training, Adrienne Sng has more than 20 years of experience working with children, youth and families in Boys' Town through counselling and other therapeutic interventions.

She currently oversees various departments (work) in Fostering, Community Respite Care, Counselling, Research and Adventure Centre.



Harold de Boysson

Chairman & Founder, Cahaya Masa Depan

Harold founded the charity in 2017, following a one year volunteering mission with the Society of Foreign Missions of Paris (Missions Etrangères de Paris) in a catholic household for underprivileged boys in Tanjung Pinang (Bintan, Indonesia).

He is French and learnt Bahasa Indonesia to speak with the children. Towards the end of his volunteering program, he noticed that the household could not help the motivated children seek higher levels of studies. That is why he decided to create this charity.

Acting like a “big brother / abang”, he works to ensure that the children coming from remote villages/islands, were able to go to junior/senior high school by contributing to their education, ensuring that their daily needs are met and providing the needed moral support.



Breakout Track 4

Loving God's Children

Children, Youth and Education



Moderated by:

Lum Hon Fye

Board Member, Caritas Singapore



Dr Gladys Wong

Chairwoman, A Call To Share (ACTS)

Gladys is a General Practitioner running her own medical practice, a mother of seven children and long time leader in ACTS since 2006. She has been involved in missions in Cambodia, Myanmar and Philippines. She is a parishioner of Church of the Holy Cross and is also been active in the Catholic Foundation.

She has been the Chairwoman of ACTS since 2019.



Élise Cruse

Communication and Partnerships Manager, Tulay Ng Kabataan Foundation (ANAK-Tnk), Metro Manila

After 2 years of volunteering with her husband Charles at the foundation in 2008, these two French citizens decided to come back for good in 2015 as lay missionaries for the Diocese of Cubao in order to serve the street children of ANAK-Tnk in Metro Manila.



Alex C. Cristo

Employee, ANAK-Tnk

Alex is currently working as Art teacher for the street children sheltered at Tulay Ng Kabataan (ANAK-Tnk) in Metro Manila. As a former street child himself, he was one of the very first beneficiaries of ANAK-Tnk foundation. His life is a beautiful lesson of Hope and Faith for all.



Eugenie Tan

Principal, Canossa Catholic Primary School

Mrs Eugenie Tan is the current Principal of Canossa Catholic Primary School. Her 29 years as an educator has been in Catholic schools. Previously heading St Anthony's Canossian Primary School, Mrs Eugenie Tan has been with the Canossian family for more than a decade.



Sister Theresa Seow

Supervisor, Canossian Village

Sister Theresa Seow is the Supervisor of the Canossian Village and the Executive Director of Canossaville Children and Community Services. She was formerly the Provincial Leader of the Canossian Daughters of Charity for Singapore-Myanmar and has been heavily involved in inter-religious dialogues since 1995.

She currently serves as the Vice-President of the Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Interreligious Dialogue.



Candice Goh

General Manager, Infant Jesus Homes and Children's Centres (IJHCC)

Candice spent more than 20 years in general sales management in the hospitality, finance and FMCG industries. She joined IJHCC in 2019 to lead the mission of the IJ Sisters in reaching out to the disadvantaged children, youth and their families in the community.



Fred Low

Executive Director, Morning Star Community Services

Fred joined Morning Star as its Executive Director after more than 20 years in Communications & Development. He was previously with the Lauder Group, Singapore Symphonia Group and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. He spearheaded the development and launch of CareNights in 2016 and is currently working on several other initiatives to strengthen family relationships.



Josephine Loh

Senior Manager, Morning Star Community Services

Josephine is the Senior Manager for Training and Workshops Department at Morning Star. She and her group of trainers conduct evidence-based as well as evidence-informed programmes to parents and caregivers of children and teenagers. Examples of these include: The Incredible Years Parent Programme series, The Incredible Years Small Group Dinosaur Programme for children, Positive Parenting Programmes or Triple P for short, Signposts for Building Better Behaviour and Common Sense Parenting®.

Closing Address



Mr Stephen Raj

Chairman, Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS)

He has been actively involved in various efforts in the Archdiocese over the years and had previously served as the President of the Catholic Business Network. He has been involved in the Information Technology industry for more than 25 years and is currently the Head of Market Development and Solutions at NCS, a Singtel company. He previously worked at NTT, Accenture & Arthur Andersen.

He worships at the Church of St. Alphonsus (Novena Church).

Online Mass



Rev Fr Valerian Cheong

Rector, St Francis Xavier Major Seminary

He has been the rector of the seminary since 2018 and the Vocation Director for the Diocesan Priesthood since 2014.

As Vocation Director, he accompanies many aspirants closely in their journeys toward the seminary. As Rector of the seminary, he oversees the spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral formation of seminarians on their journey to the priesthood. Besides teaching Sacred Scripture to the seminarians and lecturing the laity at the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore (CTIS), Fr Valerian is also the Chairman of the Senate of Priests for the Archdiocese, as well as the Co-Chair for the Catholic200SG Committee.

Event webpage:

www.catholic200.sg/events/IGNITUSSocialMissionWithLove

Virtual exhibition:

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From Us to You

Messages from our Participating Parishes and Member Organisations



Walking with the poor and excluded is one of the Jesuit Universal Apostolic Preferences and our Jesuit parish has strived to instill in ministries and parishioners a love for the poor and our Christian obligation to extend a helping hand to those in need. The parish of St Ignatius has always have a heart for the poor. This has been articulated in our parish goal, parish priorities, as well as exhortations by our parish priests to walk with the poor, marginalised and excluded at every PPC meetings, meetings with ministries and homilies.

Foundation have been laid such that leaders, ministries and parishioners are spiritually and socially conscious of their mission to serve the poor and needy.



Church of St Mary of the Angels is a Franciscan Parish serving over 8500 parishioners within the vicinity of Bukit Batok.

To better synergise and integrate the efforts of individual ministries in St Mary's, we have organised ourselves into main operational groups or "Offices", which helps us to move away from a silo mentality. Instead, we now come together to foster a greater communion with one another, thus forming ONE body of Christ to realise our Parish's vision and mission. Each Office is driven by lay facilitators and guided by the Parish friars.

At this event, we will be sharing about the Outreach Office and how we have divided our outreach as "Interventive Outreach" - These are groups involved in the direct intervention work and support of those in need of help; as well as "Formative Outreach" - These are groups involved in the promotion and education of the church missions to serve humanity.



Living out our vocation as disciples, to bring the Good News to the ends of the world.

We see social mission as faith in action. It is very much rooted in our vocation as disciples of Christ. As disciples, we are sent forth to bring the love of God, the Good News to ALL in our community... Catholics and non Catholics, young and old, rich and poor. Like the early missionaries to Singapore 200 years ago, who reached out to the local community and brought the Good News to us, we strive to emulate their example. To live out our Church's Vision to be... "A vibrant loving community of disciples making disciples for the kingdom of God".



ABLE is a social service agency that aims to enable the physically challenged to live with dignity and to have productive, meaningful and independent lives. Established in 2010, ABLE is a member of Caritas Singapore, the social mission arm of the Catholic Church in Singapore. ABLE serves persons with physical challenges and their family caregivers through a holistic suite of services such as rehabilitation and training, respite care and wheelchair accessible-transport at its two centres in Agape Village.



ACTS is a Catholic family-based humanitarian organisation that focuses on improving education and healthcare for the poor in our neighbouring countries. Its emphasis is on building bridges between communities to help them see the face of God in each other.



ANAK-Tnk was founded in 1998 to support Manila's most unfortunate children: those living in extreme poverty in the streets and in the slums of the capital city of the Philippines. The foundation is run by Rev. Father Matthieu Dauchez, assisted by Gloria Recio, Charles & Elise Cruse and 200 local professionals. The foundation's action and purpose are being supported outside the Philippines by branches operating on all continents.

ANAK-Tnk focuses on areas such as Education, Nutrition, Health, and Protection for street children, child scavengers, slum children, children with special needs and elderly abandoned in the streets.



Assisi Hospice provides palliative care for patients and families that preserves their dignity and quality of life. Patients of any race, faith and financial position are cared for by our team of specialist doctors, nurses, allied health and pastoral care professionals. When faced with life limiting illnesses, our patients receive medical care, as well as psychosocial, emotional and spiritual care.

We provide care for patients across the continuum of Home Care, Inpatient and Day Care. This allows patients and family members to journey with a clinical team they are familiar with, and to receive care in the way that they need.

Founded in 1969 by the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), we believe that we are all created equal and that the final journey is also our final opportunity to express the importance of our shared humanity, to express the fact that everyone, regardless of how your life has been lived, is of great value.



Boys' Town is a charity founded by the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel in 1948. It began as a residential care for war-torn orphans, homeless and needy children, providing shelter for them. Over the years we have expanded to provide a continuum of services for children and youth in-need. Boys' Town serves both boys and girls, from infants to young adults. It helps children and youths who come from disadvantaged and disengaged families who may have faced hardship resulting from difficult home situations, financial struggles, abandonment, and abuse. Boys' Town equips the children and youth in need with skills to become socially integrated, responsible and contributing members of society. Currently Boys' Town is a multi-services social service agency providing the following key services: Residential Services, YouthReach (Street Outreach), Clinical Intervention (Psychological Services and Counselling), Fostering Services, Sanctuary Care (Respite Care) and Adventure Therapy.

Sanctuary Care is a respite service offered by Boys' Town for vulnerable infants and children. We help low-income families with no support system by providing short term care for their children so that parents/caregivers are better able to focus on resolving issues and overcome personal crises without needing to worry about their child's wellbeing.



Cahaya Masa Depan, a charity supporting Indonesians of the Riau Islands, has three main focuses:

- First to support the education of 10 underprivileged students from 14 to 23 years old. The charity provides not only financial support that is tailored to each individual needs, but also moral support to make sure the students succeed in their education.
- Our second mission arose with the Covid pandemic. Due to the rise of unemployment, many families in Riau Islands have difficulties making ends meet. We've organized the distribution of Covid relief packages made of staple food, masks and hand sanitizers to support those families for a couple of months.
- Our third focus is the organization of health check up missions. We will gather a team of healthcare professionals (GP, pharmacists, dentists) to provide free consultation, medicines and health/hygiene advice to families in need.



The Canossian Daughters of Charity (CDC) belong to an International Institute of Religious Sisters, founded by St. Magdalene of Canossa in Italy. They are now present in 32 countries worldwide, serving those who are in need of education, healthcare, evangelization and spiritual formation.

They started mission outreach in Myanmar with volunteers from Singapore in 1996, initiated a training programme for the Formation of Village Educators in 2008 and set up a Home for poor children in 2012 with the help of donors & CHARIS. A small vocational training Centre was started in 2017 near the Inle Lake tourist area to impart hospitality skills to young women to equip them to find jobs in hotels & restaurants. They welcome volunteers to give short courses to the village educators via ZOOM, if it is not possible to travel due to the pandemic.



The Canossian Village at Sallim Road makes up the Canossian Circle of Care: an ecosystem of love that focuses on the well-being and flourishing of the children and their families. It consists of:

- Canossa Convent: Home of the Canossian Sisters
- Canossa Catholic Primary School: Mainstream MOE co-ed primary school that centres its entire curriculum on the Formation of the Heart, satellite partner of Canossian School
- Canossian School: Special education primary school for children with hearing loss
- Canossaville Children and Community Services: Social service agency serving the needs and holistic development of the children and their families
- Canossaville Preschool: Mainstream preschool with childcare hours, with a specialisation for children with hearing loss
- Canossaville Student Care: Integrated after-school care for children from Canossa Catholic Primary School and Canossian School
- Canossian Child Development Unit: In-house team of specialists who provide the children and their families easy and timely access to social aid, psycho-social help, and therapy
- Canossian EIPIC: One-stop Early Intervention programme for children with hearing loss, focusing on the Formation of the Heart



Fishing Rod Society's main overseas project is Agape Centre, where they serve refugees from Myanmar in Kuala Lumpur, and focus on two key areas: education for the poor and comfort for the sick. As part of Agape Centre, the Zutong Refugee Catholic Learning Centre (ZRCLC) was set up in 2009 to provide a safe learning place for the Zutong refugee children whom could not be enrolled in any school in Malaysia. Today, the school has expanded its reach to include other Myanmar refugee tribes and has plans to reach out to the larger refugee community in Malaysia.



The mission and objectives of Infant Jesus Homes and Children's Centres (IJHCC) are to provide a caring and supportive environment conducive to the balance growth and personal formation of children, young persons, and youth at risk. IJHCC aims to help these children and young persons grow into responsible individuals, well-equipped for life, with a capacity to contribute to society and to ensure that Catholic Character and charism distinctive of the IJ Sisters are preserved and developed.

For the event, we would like to share about our recent work in outreach to the community, our programmes and our future plans.



Inspired by the generous love and example of Jesus Christ, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organisation with a mission to Accompany, Serve, and Advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons regardless of race, gender, religion or politics. We believe in walking alongside and accompanying the vulnerable and marginalized, with the aim of providing a spiritual and practical response to their plight. JRS believes in the intrinsic dignity of every person and is committed to finding ways to empower refugees.

JRS Singapore has initiated LEAP@JRS, a programme which focuses on nurturing digital, professional and life skills for the individual and developing resilience and self-sustainability for the community. The cornerstone of LEAP@JRS is E3 - an education programme which equips refugees with certified IT skills and enables them to navigate the digital revolution with increased confidence.



In 2010, Project Micah embarked on a mission to serve poor and underprivileged children in orphanages in Myanmar.

Realising the importance of education to break the vicious cycle of disadvantage, we are committed to ensuring these girls could finish school and improve their literacy. Through our visits in the past 10 years, we were able to conduct Learning Camps and Leadership Programmes in the various homes.

With the Humanitarian Aid and Support from sponsors and friends we were also able to provide funds for renovations and retrofitting of boarding houses, construction of walls and fences for safety of the kids, water tanks/pumps, wells, waterpipes, toilets, bedbug eradication, supply of clothes, books, stationery, bedding, towels, medical supplies, and more importantly the food programme where each child is given at least meat, milk and an egg once a week. We have also provided scholarships to some of the children to further their education.



For more than 20 years, Morning Star Community Services has strengthened family relationships through its work with children and parents. It currently operates 6 student care centres, a learning intervention programme in 3 Catholic primary schools, CareNights at 4 centres and a series of evidence-based parent education programmes and workshops and talks for families.

Walking in Your Shoes is one of such workshops. It is a combined parent-child fun activity that nurtures and strengthens family relationships by creating opportunities for families to bond with care and empathy.

Our Caritas Singapore and CHARIS families

Caritas Singapore

Our Member Organisations serve the local needs in Singapore.



CHARIS

Member Organisations are Catholic organisations and groups within the Archdiocese of Singapore, who are involved in overseas humanitarian work. CHARIS continues its outreach to help all who are engaged in overseas humanitarian work.





God's *Love* in Action

Caritas Singapore is the official social and community arm of the Catholic Church in Singapore and a member of Caritas Internationalis. We are the umbrella body for 28 Catholic charities and organisations whose work has touched the lives of many regardless of race or religion. Our causes cover:



Families and Children



Youth



Poor and Elderly



ACMI



Persons with Mental Health Issues



Persons with Medical Needs



Persons with Disabilities or Special Needs



Guilds



The Incarcerated



Persons living with HIV/AIDS



Overseas Mission

Established in 2015 by Archbishop William Goh, Caritas Singapore-Agape Village (AV) is a one-stop hub with services integrated to meet the multiple needs of an individual or family, providing holistic and coordinated care. AV seeks to partner and empower the community, especially the poor, the marginalised, and people limited by difficult circumstances regardless of race or religion.


With the co-location of 13 of our member organisations at AV, beneficiaries and clients can have access to services that include skills training, financial support, counselling, respite care for caregivers, and a day activity centre for adults with special needs. In areas where more support is needed, caseworkers will collaborate with government bodies, community partners, social service agencies and nongovernmental organisations to complete the care cycle.

Caritas Singapore offers Formation programmes that promote awareness of the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and its application in daily living as Christ's disciples. The social teaching of the Church is a call to each of us to reach out to our fellow brothers and sisters. It is about God's call to us to "Love one another as I have loved you". Through the Church's social teaching, we can learn not just about how we are called to serve others, but how we are called to act in relation to our work, the environment, our families, and the various situations we are faced with in our daily lives. CST covers:



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About CHARIS



Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives (Singapore) Ltd

is the umbrella body for overseas humanitarian aid by the Archdiocese of Singapore. CHARIS was first launched as an archdiocesan body on 20 August 2010 by Emeritus Archbishop Nicholas Chia. It was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 2 June 2017. CHARIS is part of Caritas Internationalis which is made up of over 160 Catholic relief,

development and social service organisations working together to build a better world for the poor and marginalised in over 200 countries.

Humanitarian situations cover natural disasters and other adverse circumstances faced by the poor and needy, especially in developing countries in the region. Aid provided by CHARIS includes funding, medical aid and volunteers for immediate relief as well as the long-term support of those displaced and in need.

Inspired by the Catholic faith, CHARIS is the helping hand of the Church in Singapore— reaching out to the poor, regardless of race or religion, to build a world based on justice and fraternal love.

Purpose

As one Body in Christ, to **inspire, unite and enable** the Catholic Community in Singapore, to love and serve our neighbours in the region through humanitarian aid and disaster response.

What We Do



Disaster
Response



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**Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love endures forever.**

Psalms 106:1

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