



OUR SOCIAL MISSION

BY CARITAS SINGAPORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our Main Activities in 2013



05 September 2013 – Agape Village Ground Breaking and Blessing Ceremony

“Working alongside the poor in collaboration with the government, non-governmental organisations and the inter-religious organisation is a crucial component of how Caritas Singapore, the social mission arm of the Catholic Church in Singapore, works.”

– Archbishop William Goh

Key Highlights in 2013

Caritas Singapore embarked on the construction of Agape Village, a four-storey social services hub for the poor. This project, located at Lorong 8, Toa Payoh, hopes to bring together the services of our 23 Catholic social mission groups under one common roof. Agape Village aims to connect families in need to a diverse range of social services and resources; and is committed to partnering families in need to rebuild their lives.

We have identified “The Poor” as our area of focus for the next few years. The Advocacy Working Group developed a campaign against poverty to raise public awareness and understanding of poverty in Singapore. The objective of the campaign is to highlight awareness, education and research of the realities of poverty, why poverty exists as well as the impact and consequences on the lives of the bottom 10 per cent of our population leading to participation, solidarity and solutions.

Ongoing Core Programmes

Community Strategy

As an umbrella body, Caritas Singapore sets up the Community Strategy Committee to review the community landscape in Singapore and develops strategies to fulfil the Church's social mission.

Formation

Caritas Singapore aims to promote and facilitate a greater understanding of Catholic Social Teaching to Catholics and the wider community in Singapore. We organise various talks and workshops to bring Catholic Social Teaching to the leaders and staff of our member organisations as well as different groups and communities. We also continue in our efforts to promote Catholic Social Teaching through the use of our study guides.

Volunteering

Caritas Singapore continues to promote volunteering and the matching of volunteers to opportunities with our member organisations.

Fundraising

Charities Week raised over S\$2 million and this amount, together with donations received from the Sustained Giving and Many Helping Hands projects, go to support the work of our Catholic social mission groups.

Grant Making

Grants of more than S\$6 million were given out to our member organisations through a rigorous grants process.

Communications

Caritas Singapore developed a communications strategy in 2012 to support our overall organisational objectives and help in the effective engagement of our stakeholders.

Membership and Capacity Building

Caritas Singapore organises regular events and workshops for our 23 member organisations to foster better networking and enable them to work as a community towards providing an integrated and holistic support to help those in need.

Shared Services

Caritas Singapore seeks to synergise resources across our many Catholic social mission groups and enhance service delivery through collaboration. We encourage our member organisations to work together.

Advocacy

Caritas Singapore seeks to raise awareness of issues faced by the poor and marginalised in the community, working at root causes to bring about long term changes. We undertake research and tap on member organisations' analysis and learning to formulate our advocacy work and strategy.

Young Adults

Caritas Singapore seeks to involve young adults in the social mission of the Church.



16 July 2013 – 6th CBN Golf for Charity 2013 (Above)



03 November 2012 – Down Memory Lane 5 Charity Dinner Show 2012 (Above)



13 July 2013 – 2nd Leaders' Council (Above)



01-02 February 2013 – Board Work Plan Retreat (Above)



13 April 2013 – RoundTable II on “Partnership Against Poverty” (Above)



06 April 2013 – Caritas Singapore Easter Family Lunch (Above)