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THE WORK TO BE DONE IS URGENT



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Our Vision

A Filipino society that upholds the dignity and nature of the human person with a special concern for improving the quality of life of the poor

Our Mission

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we catalyze critical thinking, discussion and action principally through advocacy-oriented research and capacity building to bring about ethically informed choices and effective solutions to poverty

About Us

The John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues (JJCISI) is an organization and community of professional researchers and advocates committed to faith that does justice. Working in solidarity with the Church and various sectors, JJCISI strives to respond to the issues and concerns of the poor.

More recently, JJCISI's efforts have focused more strategically on capacitating local actors as an added dimension to the research and advocacy work for which the Institute is known. The Institute's programs continue to undertake research-based policy advocacy but they have also ventured into developing projects that benefit the urban and rural poor, women and children, and local communities in environmentally vulnerable areas. At the same time, they are engaged in mentoring, training, providing consulting services, and the production of manuals, templates and other tools to facilitate and make more effective the development of pro-poor projects on the ground.



Message

Fr. Victor C. de Jesus, S.J.
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

The year 2013 is JJCICSI's third and last year of the 2011-2014 project cycle with its core funding partner, MISEREOR. An external evaluation culminated this cycle and revealed that the programs it has chosen to focus on continue to be relevant in our times. While much of the target outputs and outcomes have been achieved despite a lean staff, it may do well for the Institute to re-examine its niche in the sectoral issues it is involved with, explore more effective ways of disseminating research outputs and learning, and be prepared to address possible issues involving human and financial resources.

The lessons learned from the evaluation, in turn, served as inputs to the three-year strategic planning activity undertaken by the staff in October 2013 and for the preparation of another three-year proposal with MISEREOR. It is with pride and gratitude that I announce that as this message is being written, JJCICSI has already received a correspondence from MISEREOR indicating the formal approval of its project proposal covering the period March 2014 – February 2017. I therefore thank again our friends from MISEREOR and other benefactors and partners for continuing to believe in our work towards contributing to a progressive and just Philippine society.

In July 2013, the Institute celebrated with one of its founders, Fr. John J. Carroll S.J. his 70th year as a Jesuit. Fr. Carroll was the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Jesuit-run Pontifical Gregorian University in

Rome before he became the founding director of the Institute on Church and Social Issues in 1984. But Fr. Jack, as he is known to many, devoted much of his priestly life in the Philippines. Except for those years spent at the Gregorian and in the United States studying theology and sociology, Fr. Jack has lived and worked in the Philippines since 1946 when he first arrived in the country as a 22-year old Jesuit scholastic from Orange, New Jersey. He also taught at the Ateneo de Manila University. At age 80, he was still teaching a graduate course on social change and development. He instilled in his students not only knowledge of social science theory and practice but also the value of service to the nation and to the poor. Many know Fr. Jack for his incisive and thoughtful newspaper columns in the Philippine Daily Inquirer, his excellent sociological essays and political commentaries which appear in various Church and academic publications. An observer of Philippine society and politics with a keen sense of history, his opinions and reflections are highly respected within and outside the academe. I therefore also thank Fr. Jack for his steadfast love for the Filipinos, his passion for the upliftment of the poor and marginalized people, and his contributions to JJCICSI's vision and mission.

It has been another fruitful year for JJCICSI in 2013. May the Lord continue to bless our work and everyone involved in our pursuit of promoting the common good, with a special concern for the poor.



Church and Society Program

The Church and Society Program aims to deepen the understanding of the role of the Catholic Church in Philippine society, with an emphasis on the dissemination of Catholic Social Teaching. Recognizing the crucial role that the Catholic Church has played in influencing Philippine social, political, and economic issues, the program seeks to foster reflection on the interface between the Philippine Church and society.

■ Talks and seminars on Catholic Social Teaching

For the project year, the program team conducted the following talks or seminars for various audiences:

- 45 teachers and administrators of the Ateneo de Davao University, in talks on “Social Analysis” and “Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching and Ignatian Discernment,” in Davao City in June 2013
- 100 students, faculty, and alumni of the Ateneo de Manila University, in a talk “Men-for-Others and the Jesuit Response” in July 2013.
- 60 teachers and students from various Asian universities, in a talk on “Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty,” at Ateneo de Naga University in Naga City in August 2013
- 40 individuals, including administrators, student formation professionals, staff of social development offices, and students of the Ateneo de Manila University, and priests, scholastics, and social apostolate workers of the Philippine Province of the Society of Jesus, in a talk on “St. Alberto Hurtado: A Saint for Catholic Social Teaching,” by guest speaker Fr. Pierre de Charentenay, SJ, in August 2013
- 60 individuals, including members of religious congregations, Catholic laity, theology professors, and students of the Ateneo de Manila University, at a talk on “John XXIII and Catholic Social Thought in the Modern World,” by guest speaker Fr. Pierre de

Charentenay, SJ (organized by JJCICSI in cooperation with the Ateneo de Manila University’s Theology Department) in December 2013.

As a result of these talks and seminars, various modules for a training program on Catholic social teaching have been produced, including modules on Catholic social teaching and poverty, Catholic social teaching and social transformation, and Catholic social teaching and democracy.

■ Research

The program achieved the following research outputs:

- Research has been done for a monograph on the changing language of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) on family planning, by a program consultant, to be published eventually as a paper or as part of a larger collection of essays.
- An article titled “A Catholic Vote or a Conscience Vote?” written by another program consultant, was published on the JJCICSI website as a guide for reflection on the proper role of the Church in the 2013 elections.
- Research was undertaken on Catholic participation in the 2013 elections as part of the Institute’s participation in a nine-country collaborative research project titled “Engaging Southeast Asia: Religion, Public Policy, and Social Transformation,” led by the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS).

- A new research project on the knowledge needs and practices of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) was conceptualized.

For this year talks on these papers and related areas were given to a total of more than 300:

- 100 people, including church workers, sociologists of religion, and students and faculty of the Pontifical and Royal University of Sto. Tomás, the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, and other schools, titled "What Catholic Vote? 2013" at the round table discussion "A Post-Election Analysis on the Possibility of Having Had a Widespread Religious Vote Last May 2013 Election" held at the Pontifical and Royal University of Sto. Tomas, Manila in July 2013
- 35 people, including exchange students of the University of Peace and faculty of the Ateneo de Manila University, on "Prophets in a Globalized Economy: Stories from the Catholic Church in the Philippines," at a "Forum on Select Themes and Issues on International Relations and Comparative Politics," at the Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, in August 2013

- 200 social scientists on "The So-Called Catholic Vote: Sacralizing Politics or Strengthening the Public Sphere?" at the annual conference of the Philippine Sociological Society in Laoag, Ilocos Norte, in October 2013

■ Articles

The program team published three articles as opinion pieces in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. One of these was reprinted in the electronic newsletter of the Jesuit Conference for Asia-Pacific (JCAP).

A fourth article was written for and published in *Dialogue et Coopération Entre Nous*, an international newsletter on education.

A fifth article was written for the souvenir programme to commemorate the installation of the new president of the Ateneo de Zamboanga University. At the end of the project cycle the article was set for re-publication in *The Windhover*, the monthly magazine of the Philippine Province of the Society of Jesus.

A member of the program evaluated for publication one manuscript each on Church-related topics for two external organizations: the Ateneo de Manila University Press and the journal *Philippine Studies*.



Family Life Program

Through research, advocacy, and direct services, the Family Life Program assists the Catholic Church in addressing the social and spiritual needs of Filipino families, especially those in underprivileged communities. The program aims to influence Church and State policy on issues affecting population and family life, work with government and non-government agencies to promote juvenile justice, and assist Filipino families in poor communities through scholarships, feeding programs, and natural family planning seminars for couples.

■ Promotion of Natural Family Planning

JJCICSI has been an active partner of two parishes (Our Lady of Pentecost Parish and Sta. Maria Della Strada Parish) and four barangáy governments (UP Campus, Old Balara, Payatas, and Pansol) in Quezon City in running a program that increases access of couples to NFP methods.

In 2013, the Sta. Maria Della Strada Parish set up an NFP desk at the Sinag Center which serves as venue for trainers to meet women who wish to limit the number of their children or achieve pregnancy using the modern methods of NFP.

Orientations on NFP methods, fertility awareness, and responsible parenthood were also held in various secondary schools, barangáys, and parishes outside Quezon City.

This year, the team extended its program in the provinces of Bulacan and Quezon.

JJCICSI also served as the co-convenor of the network Responsible Parenthood and All-Natural Family Planning, which is composed of non-government organizations, foundation, parishes, and archdioceses.

The network set up an exhibition titled *Via Vitae: Stations of Life* which was brought to different universities and dioceses. Visitors to the exhibition were given information about modern methods of natural family planning.

With funding support from the Philippine Center for Population and Development (PCPD), JJCICSI also spearheaded the publication of a directory of institutions involved in the promotion of NFP.

■ Scholarship program

The scholarship program called *Landas ng Pag-asa* has been offered to the children of couples in Pansol and Payatas who are the beneficiaries of the Institute's NFP program.

The financial assistance, which comes from generous benefactors and friends of Fr. Carroll, covered tuition, transportation allowance, books, and other school needs. The program has assisted more than 43 scholars in various educational courses; nine of them graduated in April 2013.

■ Advocacy papers

At 90, Fr. Carroll continued to be one of the well-read contributors in the opinion page of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. In 2013, he wrote several articles about current Church issues. The second part of his book *Engaging Society* is due to be out in mid-2014.

■ Prevention of juvenile delinquency and youth offending

The Barangáy Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) is formed to ensure the welfare of children. With support from UK-based grant-giving organization, Porticus, the Juvenile Justice Subprogram of the Family Life Desk has completed in 2013 twelve trainings participated in by a total of 708 representatives of BCPCs from 66 barangáys, school officials, guidance counsellors, law enforcers, local government departments and agencies, NGOs, and youth leaders from the cities of Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela, and Muntinlupa.

The modules focused on key themes and principles of restorative justice, diversion, children's rights, and community based-programs. Participants were provided with training kits which included the copies of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act. The Department of Education's Policy on Child Protection was also included in the modules.

To sustain these efforts, the Institute participated in technical working groups (TWG) created in each city. This group is tasked to come up with intervention programs as prescribed by the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act.

■ Promotion of children's rights

Together with the Barangáy Council of Payatas, Quezon City, JJCICSI and the Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation (HLAF) consulted 35 children aged 9 to 17 years regarding their situation and the issues they face vis-à-vis their rights as enshrined in the United Nations Convention and the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The results were integrated to a national situationer that was presented in another consultation with children from different organizations/communities of the country.

To strengthen the advocacy for children rights, the Institute represented the NGO Coalition in its partnership with Philippine Commission on Human Rights on the monitoring of the Human Rights Universal Periodic Review Concluding Observations, as well as with other human rights

CSOs and offices of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP).

■ Lobbying activities

JJCICSI spearheaded the Juvenile Justice Partners Network's lobby work against the amending the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act. The law was amended but essential provisions such as 15 years old as the minimum age of criminal responsibility, implementation of diversion, and community-based interventions and restorative justice as basic principle were retained in the enrolled bill. JJCICSI also participated in the drafting of the implementing guidelines of the new law.

As an active member of the Communication and Legislative Committees of the Child Rights Network (CRN), JJCICSI participated in the drafting of position papers, development of plans, facilitation of consultations, and in the lobbying work for the passage of the Anti-Corporal Punishment/Positive Discipline. The bill has been approved by the House of Representatives but is still pending at the Senate.

Moreover, since 2012, JJCICSI has been serving as president of the Philippine Action and Youth Offenders (PAYO) and as head of the System Working Group of the Philippine NGO Coalition on UN CRC. As the lead organization of PAYO, JJCICSI campaigned for the ratification of the Optional Protocol 3 to the UN CRC on a Communication Procedure and coordinated the "Child Free Bilbid" Project.



Urban Poverty and Governance Program

The Urban Poverty and Governance Program addresses urban poverty and its principal manifestation – the lack of access to humane and secure housing. Through research and advocacy, the program aims to alleviate urban poverty by empowering urban poor groups to work for better urban governance.

■ Documentation of the Social and Technical Preparation Activities of Barangáy Nagkaisang Nayon Urban Poor Alliance

In July 2013, JJCICSI and the Foundation for the Development of the Urban Poor (FDUP) started assisting the Urban Poor Alliance of Barangáy Nagkaisang Nayon (UP-ALL BNN), a barangáy-wide PO alliance with at least 250 families living on the banks of the Tullahan River in Quezon City. This assistance aims to enable the community to develop a housing project and proposal that can avail of the government's housing program for informal settlers in danger zones. JJCICSI drafted a process guide on people's planning. JJCICSI also linked the alliance to government agencies such as the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and technical service providers such as the Community Architects Network (CAN). The social preparation and technical support received funding support from the Partnership Fund to Assist Social and Technical Preparation of Social Housing Projects (FAST.Housing Project) of the Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA) and the Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF). By May 2014, the barangáy alliance is expected to develop a community-initiated housing project proposal.

■ Involvement in the advocacy activities of the Urban Poor Alliance (UP-ALL)

JJCICSI's continuing role as secretariat of UP-ALL Mega Manila has contributed to the alliance's ability to effectively and consistently engage government agencies in many important issues related to housing, eviction, and resettlement. UP-

ALL continued holding dialogues with concerned government agencies such as the DILG and the SHFC. JJCICSI participated in, and in several instances facilitated, meetings between these government agencies and NGO and PO members of UP-ALL. The purpose of the dialogues was to involve as many NGOs and communities as possible in the government's housing program for informal settler families (ISFs), facilitate the progress of projects in the pipeline, and agree on concrete actions to speed up the process of getting projects ready for funding.

These meetings served as venue for UP-ALL to monitor the disbursement of the ₱50 billion fund allocation under the ISF Housing Program; to share lessons in developing and implementing the projects; and to discuss strategies to expedite the implementation process in light of the government's drive to clear the structures along the waterways in preparation for the onset of the monsoon season in June.

■ Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project

JJCICSI was selected as the external monitoring agency to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the flood-mitigation project, particularly the achievement of the objectives of the RAP. The project will necessitate the relocation of at least 90 ISFs in the city of Manila. JJCICSI will also assess the adequacy of compensation given to project-affected persons, including property owners in Mandaluyong City and Taguig City. There will be 7 monitoring periods within the period of July 2013 to

November 2016; the first monitoring phase – which included key informant interviews with project-affected persons – covered September-November 2013.

■ Participation in the Philippine-MISEREOR Partnership (PMPI) Network

To better understand the framework for planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating MISEREOR-supported programs, JJCICSI attended the cluster's Outcome-Impact Orientation held in August 2013.

■ Budget monitoring of Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC)

In line with the Institute's advocacy for better public governance, JJCICSI has been monitoring since June 2012, together with the NGO network PHILSSA, how the SHFC prepares and spends its budget, especially the fund allocated for medium-rise housing projects for informal settlers.

■ Secretariat support for the PHILSSA NCR Cluster

JJCICSI is an active member of PHILSSA, a national network of NGOs specializing in urbanization-related issues. Since 2007, JJCICSI has been serving as the secretariat of the network's cluster in the National Capital Region. Strategies for engaging national and local governments in matters related to housing and participatory governance for health are among the urgent concerns discussed in these meetings.

■ Baseline Study for the Improving Livelihoods for Vulnerable Urban Communities Project of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

JJCICSI decided to undertake the research because it provides the resources and opportunity to update the knowledge base of both government and civil society on the socio-economic and political characteristics of urban poor communities based on a sample of urban poor communities, which are not necessarily organized. Because the study is a partnership between an NGO and a government agency, it

was an opportunity for sharing data (e.g., household data from the National Household Targeting System of the DSWD), perspectives on poverty, and analytical approaches which can feed into mainstream government programs such as Urban Kalahi CIDSS, also known as Urban Community Driven Development (CDD).

The project aims to test an effective approach to helping urban poor communities cope with economic shocks, using a community-driven development strategy, which the government agency has been implementing in rural areas. JJCICSI conducted a quantitative and qualitative baseline study to profile and analyze the current situation of the target communities (6 in all) in two cities – Malabon City and Bacoor City – as the starting point for the subsequent monitoring and evaluation of the pilot program.

The two field reports were submitted in February and May 2013. The second report presented data gathered from the survey covering 2,074 households in 6 treatment and 6 control communities of the baseline study. The final report – including a data set – was submitted in November 2013. The main findings were presented to the DSWD and The World Bank in February 2014.

■ Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation of the JSDF-LVUC Project in 49 Communities in Malabon and Muntinlupa under the DSWD-Kalahi CIDSS by the NGO Foundation for Development Alternatives (FDA)

JJCICSI was contracted by FDA to set up a system for monitoring and evaluating its implementation of the DSWD's "strategy project" called the Community-Driven Development Strategy and Livelihood for Vulnerable Urban Communities (LVUC) under its Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) Program. Activities so far included preparation of progress report tools and documentation template for community-based evaluation and accountability reporting. The one-year project is expected to be completed by June 2014.



Rural Development

The Rural Development Program recognizes that the majority of the Filipino poor live in rural areas. It also sees that the lack of access to land and other productive resources hinders the rural poor from participating in economic activities to improve their incomes. In the face of formidable structures that perpetuate poverty in the countryside, the program sets its sight on alternatives, substitutes or options that would address the issue of access, along with control and management of resources.

■ Case study on a service provider for micro-insurance for the evaluation of CCA's partnership program on sustainable livelihoods through cooperatives

This case study on the Expanding the Reach of Micro insurance in Southeast Asia III project between Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) and RIMANSI Organization for Asia and the Pacific, Inc. was part of an evaluation of CCA's Partnership Program, "Sustainable Livelihoods through Cooperatives 2011-2015." The Partnership Program involved 20 partners in 12 countries, and a planned reach to 630 cooperatives and more than 14 million individuals. Recognizing the importance yet impossibility of reaching all as sources of information, the evaluation identified the case study method as one of several methodologies to gather the necessary data for assessing the progress of the program and for identifying areas for improvement.

The Philippine case study on CCA's project was conducted in October-November 2013. It was intended to provide information on progress within in the current project, information on results achieved in the current and to some extent previous project cycles, and to inform actions for the balance of this project by RIMANSI as project implementer, the micro insurance mutual benefit associations (MI-MBAs) and its members as project beneficiaries, and, CCA as project funder.

■ Documentation of social enterprises engaged in the delivery of health care services

This research project was undertaken jointly by the UPG and Rural Development Programs of JJCICSI, in cooperation with the Peace and

Equity Foundation (PEF). It looked into possible business solutions for meeting the need of low-income families for basic health services (i.e., birthing center, drugstore, and diagnostics clinic). The findings were presented in April 2013, and the final report was submitted in July 2013.

■ Strategic planning workshop for CLUP Now! with the opening of the 16th Congress

The National Land Use Act (NLUA) almost saw passage during the 15th Congress. It reached third reading in the House of Representatives and second reading in the Senate. The network CLUP Now! had to reassess its work and come up with more relevant strategies to ensure passage of NLUA in the 16th Congress. A commentary article on the non-passage of NLUA during the 15th Congress was published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

■ Planning workshop for AR Now in light of the impending expiry of Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program with Reforms (CARPER)

Four years since the passage of CARPER and near to its expiry, more than 700,000 hectares of land remain undistributed and these are mostly private agricultural lands. Those distributed are often leased back to former landowners at onerous arrangements. Along with other groups advocating for agrarian reform, AR Now has lobbied with the Department of Agrarian Reform to issue Notices of Coverage (NOCs) to facilitate completion of land acquisition and distribution (LAD), and an administrative order on agricultural venture arrangements to preserve the gains of CARP.

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