JOHN J. CARROLL INSTITUTE ON CHURCH AND SOCIAL ISSUES

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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

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

The John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues (JJCICSI) 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, JJCICSI strives to respond to the issues and concerns of the poor. More recently, JJCICSI’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.

This new strategy is born out of the analysis that in many cases, the failure to implement good laws and policies is due to weak institutions and/or incapacity of those running these institutions to effect change. Moreover, with the decentralization of most basic services and governance responsibilities, local governments play a particularly crucial role in implementing social policies. Hence, one important thrust across the different programs has been to empower local actors, particularly local governments, in the implementation of pro-poor programs.

At the same time, work with the organizations of the poor has continued, likewise focusing more strongly on capacity building. The usual research and advocacy efforts have been complemented with a more deliberate effort at enabling these groups to participate effectively in governance processes, as well as in the implementation of policies and projects. The Institute’s expertise in social research and Catholic Social Teaching is put to use in the critical study of implementation and institutional issues, in addition to policy issues. This subtle yet important shift is also in keeping with the kind of policy implementation support increasingly being needed and requested by the Institute’s various coalition partners.
As we look back in 2011, we recall especially the twentieth anniversary of the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP-II). JJCICSI came up with a book (in place of its usual publication called the Intersect) to commemorate PCP-II’s 20th year. Entitled Becoming a Church of the Poor: Philippine Catholicism after the Second Plenary Council, and edited by Ms. Eleanor Dionisio, the book carries seven essays that describe the involvement of the Roman Catholic Church of the Philippines in some of the pressing issues of the country, such as mining and the environment, agrarian reform, electoral politics and the reproductive health debate in past years. As noted by Ms. Dionisio, some of the essays interestingly show that the laity, religious, clergy and other Church personnel have much to learn about how to impart the moral truths to the faithful and to Philippine society as a whole. This book is an excellent example of the kind of intellectually rigorous and faith-informed thought brought to bear on very current Church and social issues.

Also in December 2011, His Grace Most Reverend Luis Antonio G. Tagle, D.D. was installed as the thirty-second Archbishop of Manila. We take this chance to congratulate and promise our prayerful support to him, a former member of the JJCICSI Board of Trustees. The Institute looks forward to continuing collaboration with Archbishop “Chito” especially since one of the auxiliary bishops of the same Archdiocese he now pastors continues to be a member of the JJCICSI Board, His Excellency Most Reverend Broderick S. Pabillo, S.D.B., D.D. (Bishop Pabillo is also the Chair of the Episcopal Commission on Social Action-Justice and Peace (ECSA-JP) of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) and heads the National Secretariat for Social Action-Justice and Peace (NASSA).) Finally, we remember the first death anniversary of the late Bishop Francisco F. Claver, SJ, one of the architects of PCP II and a co-founder of ICSI (since then renamed JJCICSI). The anthropologist bishop spent 11 of 35 years of what he calls the “episcopating” ministry as a writer/researcher at the then newly established Institute on Church and Social Issues. He is best remembered for propagating the importance of inculturation in the church’s mission of evangelization, espousing a philosophy of social change based on the free, conscientious and discerning collective action of people responding to their local situation.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all our friends and benefactors, especially our core funder, MISEREOR, for their trust and support, particularly in these times of serious financial challenges. We of course thank and congratulate the JJCICSI officers and staff members for all that have been accomplished in 2011.

May the coming year which the Holy Father wants to celebrate as the Year of Faith bring continued success to JJCICSI’s endeavors.

FR. VICTOR C. DE JESUS, S.J.
Chairman, JJCICSI

1 Eleanor R. Dionisio, ed., Becoming a Church of the Poor: Philippine Catholicism after the Second Plenary Council (Quezon City: John J. Carroll Institute on Church and Social Issues, 2011), 8.
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.

**Research**
- Draft of the study titled “The Couples for Christ and El Shaddai: Suborganizational Framing and Sociopolitical Mobilization in Two Philippine Catholic Charismatic Communities”
- The historical background of local Church teaching in electoral politics (1900-1986) and on post-PCP II local Church teaching on electoral politics (1992-2009)

**Advocacy**
- Discussion and planning with the National Clergy Discernment Group for an inter-diocesan seminar on Catholic Social Teaching (CST)
- Theological Hour of the Loyola School of Theology (LST) on “Becoming a Church of the Poor: Philippine Catholicism after the Second Plenary Council”

**Capacity Building**
- Development and pilot-testing of two modules for participative reflection and analysis on aspects of CST:
  - “Ideas-Resources-Intelligibility-Shifts” approach to Social Analysis
  - Historical background and primary themes of Catholic Social Teaching
- Preparatory work for modules on local Church teaching:
  - The Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP II) and various aspects of democratization
  - Pastoral documents of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) and electoral democracy
- Continuing conduct and supervision of leadership training for *Liga Manggagawa*, and ongoing drafting of funding proposal for program extension
- Seminar on CST given to the Pastoral Renewal Program of the Southeast Asian Interdisciplinary Development Institute (SAIDI)
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.

**Research**

- *Neither Silver Bullet nor Vatican Roulette*, a monograph published by the Philippine Center for Population and Development (PCPD)

**Advocacy**

- Networking with Institute for Politics and Governance, Sta. Maria della Strada Health Ministry, Barangay Pansol’s Council and Committee on Health, and the Quezon City District III Health Center in Pansol on the use of natural family planning
- Lobby for full implementation of RA 9344 and drafting of position paper against amending the said law
- Lobby for the passage of the bill on Anti-Corporal Punishment and Positive Discipline (ACOP)
- TV and radio interviews on juvenile justice and children’s rights
- Participation in the formulation of the Quezon City Children’s Code

**Capacity Building & Direct Service**

- Profiling of and one-on-one training for 110 mothers on Standard Days method for NFP use
- Trainings on fertility awareness and NFP attended by 120 participants and follow-up by trainers of participants in NFP training sessions
- Trainings on breast-feeding and primary health care with the NGO Arugaan
- *Sagip-Bata* Supplemental Feeding Program
- *Landas ng Pag-asa* Scholarship Program
- Trainings for 285 Barangay Council for Protection of Children (BCPC) members/community leaders on children’s rights and the importance of a BCPC for 9 barangays, and technical assistance on strategic planning provided to 5 BCPCs to determine programs, and for yearly BCPC evaluations
- Conceptualization of training design and modules on juvenile justice, positive discipline
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.

**Research**

- Research on “Medium-Rise Housing for Urban Informal Settlers: Implications on Cost, Tenure and Financing Arrangements”

- Draft of “A Framework for Urban Liveability: The Cities Are Our Common Home” for the Philippine MISEREOR Partnership

- Documentation of Post-Ketsana Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Projects of 6 Christian Aid Partners in one city and three municipalities

**Advocacy**

- Technical and secretariat support to the advocacy activities of the Urban Poor Alliance (UP-ALL), an alliance of more than 1,000 people’s organizations and NGOs, in engaging the Aquino administration to come up with housing solutions and a budget for identified urban poor sites. In 2011, JJCICSI actively participated in the meetings and consultations of the National Technical Working Group on Informal Settlers convened by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). A major milestone of this engagement was the national government’s allocation of PhP10 billion every year for in-city medium-rise housing for informal settlers in Metro Manila.

- Technical support to the Quezon City Urban Poor Alliance (QC UP-ALL) in its continuing engagement with the Quezon City government through the Local Housing Board (LHB)

- Ongoing identification of prospective barangay-wide PO alliances to be mentored for agenda formulation and barangay development planning.
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.

### Research

- Research on Agrarian Reform Cooperatives, “Revisiting ARB Cooperatives in Negros Occidental: Sustaining the Sugar Lands and their Organizations”
- Updating of the Rapid Field Appraisals and Scanning of the Sites of Struggle of the Anti-Mining Campaign of the Philippine MISEREOR Partnership
- Research on the Biofuels Policy, “Is the Biofuels Policy Safeguarding the Interest of the Small Farmer, his Household and the Community”
- Process Manual on Microfinance Innovations in Cooperatives in Agrarian Reform Areas (MICOOP@ ARAs) of the National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO) and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)

### Advocacy

- Participation in the committee hearings of Congress for the passage of a national land use policy, as member of the Campaign for Land Use Policy Now or CLUP Now! network
- Participation in forums involving POs, NGOs and coops involved in micro-credit and social entrepreneurship
- Conduct of a roundtable discussion on REDD-plus initiatives in the Philippines with presentation of two studies from the Ateneo School of Government: (1) carbon rights and ownership, and (2) mainstreaming of social accountability tools and principles in the National REDD-Plus Strategy
Becoming a Church of the Poor

Produced by the JJJCICSI staff, *Becoming a Church of the Poor* is a collection of essays which provide a glimpse into how the Philippine Catholic Church has sought to fulfill the goals she set for herself in the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP II), convened twenty years ago in 1991. Among the issues tackled in the book deal with family and life, agrarian reform, environment, and electoral politics.

Neither Silver Bullet nor Vatican Roulette

Published by the Philippine Center for Population and Development (PCPD), this research examines the acceptance, continuation, and effectiveness rates of Natural Family Planning (NFP) in a working class community; possibly adding a factual, evidence-based dimension to the reproductive health debate.
Report on the Financial Statements. I have audited the accompanying financial statements of INSTITUTE ON CHURCH AND SOCIAL ISSUES, INC. (a non-stock, non-profit organization) which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statements of activities, statements of changes in fund balances, and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements. The Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

Scope of Audit. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion. In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of INSTITUTE ON CHURCH AND SOCIAL ISSUES, INC. (a non-stock, nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities.

Report on the Supplementary Information Required Under Revenue Regulations 19-2011 and 15-2010. My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information required under Revenue Regulations 19-2011 and 15-2010 in Notes 27 and 28 to the financial statements, respectively, is presented for the purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the management of INSTITUTE ON CHURCH AND SOCIAL ISSUES, INC. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the basic financial statements. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respect in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

MARIA LUNINGNING M. GUZMAN
Certified Public Accountant
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### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

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