

# The Catholic Commission for Social Justice Archdiocese Ministry for Migrants & Refugees



# Social Justice Advocacy Programme



## About us

The Catholic Commission for Social Justice, Archdiocese Ministry for Migrants & Refugees is the arm of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Port of Spain, responsible for the care of migrants & refugees in Trinidad & Tobago.

### Overview

An Immersive, Developmental, Humanitarian, Volunteer Work Programme for Catholic Social Justice Ministry Action

### Specifications

A Short-Term, Project Centered, Faith-Based, Communal Programme for Young Adults

### Goals

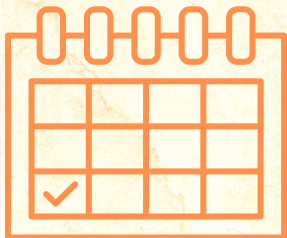
- Develop Catholic Human Resources For Ministry Action In The Humanitarian Field Work Of The Church.
- Provide Sustainable Support For Archdiocesan Parish Ministries To Migrants & Refugees
- Protect & Advocate For The Migrant/Refugee Community And Child Protection.
- Inspire & Promote Catholic Christian Life & Social Responsibility



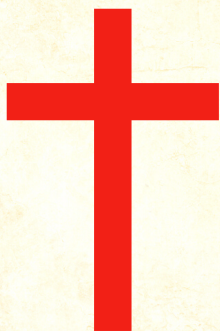
# Key Outcomes



**Leadership Training  
& Development In The  
Humanitarian Sector**



**Community Outreach  
Event Planning &  
Execution**



**Promote & Sustain  
Catholic Parish  
Ministries, Communities,  
and Culture**



**Provide Programme  
Support For The  
Archdiocesan Ministry  
For Migrants & Refugees**





## Ministry Findings

In consultation with Parish Ministries for Migrants & Refugees (PMMRs) it was found that talented, young, willing, and available human resources (with a notable absence of men) was one of the main hinderances to the ability of ministries to effectively serve within their parish communities. Along with this finding, other main impacting factors on their social justice work were the insecurity / unavailability of finances, lack/absence of clerical support for their ministries, and the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on society and migrant communities.





# Introduction

The Social Justice Advocacy Programme is a volunteer work, community-building programme designed to support and sustain parish ministries for migrants and refugees within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Port of Spain. It provides Catholic young adults the opportunity to gain experience in social justice ministry action, undergo essential humanitarian sector training and development, and live out our faith in fellowship and community. The goals of the programme are to:

Support the CCSJ/AMMR in carrying out its apostolic mission through social justice advocacy, and by meeting its humanitarian programme objectives.

Train and develop the Catholic community's human resources for leadership in the humanitarian field, and to sustain the work of Parish Ministries to Migrants & Refugees within the Archdiocese of Port of Spain.

Extend the reach and impact of the AMMR through its PMMR network to under-served migrant persons, families and communities.

Inspire and promote Catholic Christian culture and social responsibility, through the integration of faith and work, engaging in community advocacy, and selfless community service





# Overview

The Social Justice Advocacy Programme is an immersive, developmental, humanitarian, volunteer work programme for Catholic social justice ministry action. It is offered in three (3) cycles for a duration of three (3) weeks each during in the months of September, October and November.

The programme coincides with the church's observance of World Day for Migrants & Refugees (Sept. 27), Mission Month (October), and Social Justice Week within the Archdiocese of Port of Spain (Nov. 13-21).

The programme is open to Catholic young adults aged 21-35, and provides participants with a communal living, working, educational, and faith-building experience, alongside full group/homestay accommodation and meals provided by catholic/christian families.

## 2021 PROGRAMME ADMISSIONS

**SEPTEMBER**  
4TH - 26TH  
REGISTRATION ENDS AUG. 27TH

**OCTOBER**  
2ND - 24TH  
REGISTRATION ENDS SEPT. 24TH

**NOVEMBER**  
6RD - 28TH  
REGISTRATION ENDS OCT. 22ND

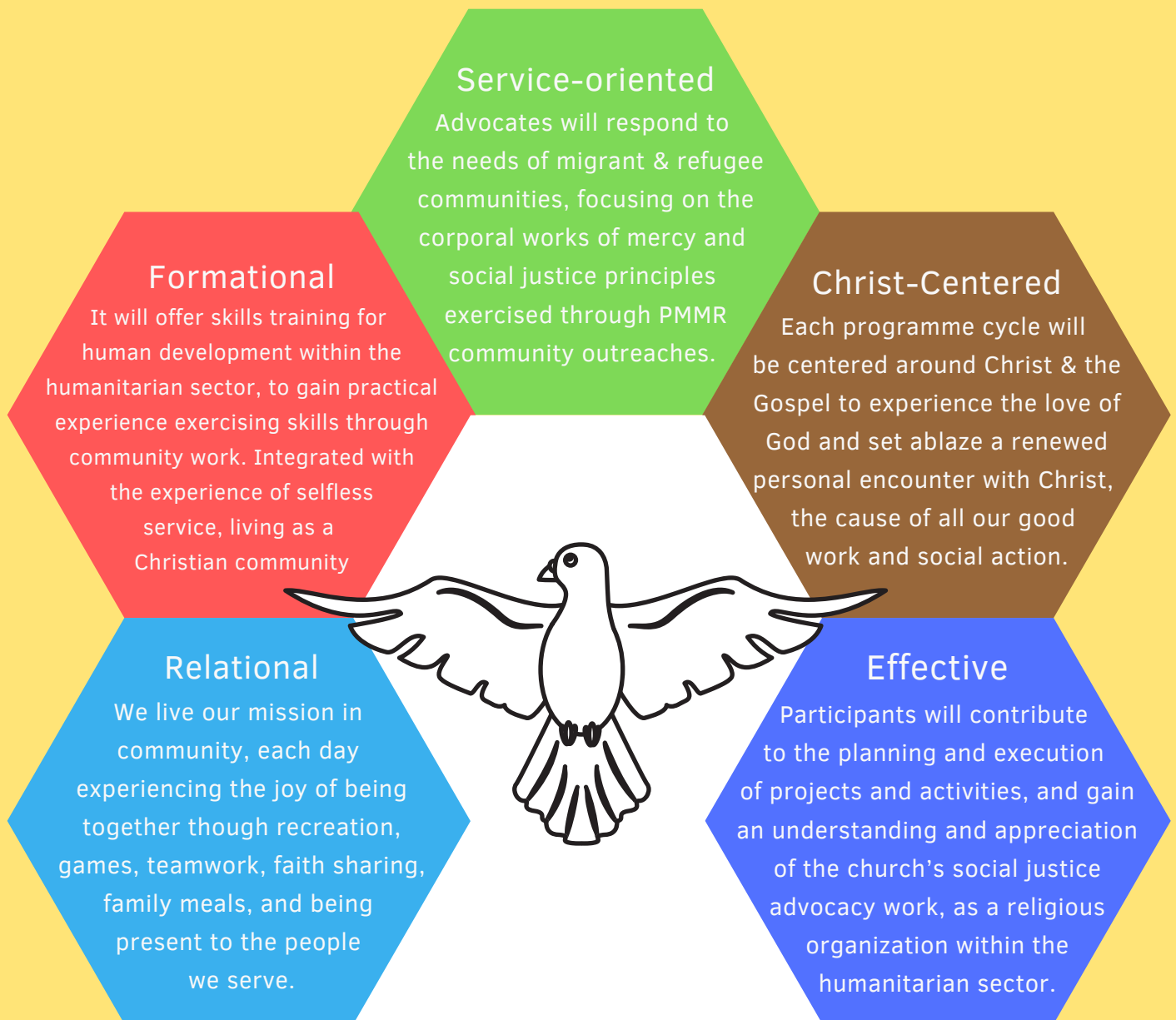
**\$1200**  
**(\$400 PER WEEK)**





# Rationale

To achieve its goals and mission objectives, the programme is formed around five pillars. It is Service-Oriented, Formational, Christ-Centred, Relational, and Effective.



## The Mission's Patrons

God the Holy Spirit, Our Advocate;

St. Joseph, Patron of Workers

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Patron of Immigrants



# Mission Objectives

## Develop and Execute Community Advocacy, Almsgiving & Fundraising Campaign.

Activities include:

- Creating Social Media Content
- Sharing Migrant Stories & Experiences
- Identify & Attract Community Stakeholder Involvement
- Encourage Catholic Community Ministry Participation and Volunteerism
- Sourcing & Matching Donations to Families In Need
- Fundraising for Parish Ministry & Mission Outreach Event

## Connect Migrants to Parish Ministries

Activities include:

- Creating A Migrant Database
- Collecting & Organizing Migrant Data
- Identifying & Registering Migrants to Ministry Databases
- Identifying Migrant Knowledge & Skills
- Conducting Need Assessments
- Connect to Communication Channels

## Engage in Community Child Protection & Vigilance

Activities include:

- Supporting Ministries' Alternative Care Programmes through referrals
- Identifying Minors for participation in Child Friendly Spaces
- Hosting A Remote Hybrid Child Friendly Space

## Mission Outreach Event - Refugee Day

Activities Include:

- A Health Fair
- A Legal Aid Clinic
- Faith Building & Pastoral Care
- Food & Clothing Aid Distribution
- Household Items Distribution
- Educational Support
- Information Booth





# Mission Objectives

## Engage in Faith-Building & Christian Fellowship

Activities Include:

Communal Living, Prayer, Activity & Spiritual Direction

Missions to Migrant Homes

## Learning & Development

Activities Include:

Completion of Core Humanitarian Certification Programme (16hrs)

Completion of Psychosocial Support Training Course (6hrs)

Completion of Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Training (2hrs)

Completion of Catholic Social Justice Doctrine Class (2hrs)

Hands-On Learning & Practice in Social Justice Ministry Action





# Expectations

Prospective participants (advocates) will be hosted within, or in proximity to the parish community being served. Advocates will live together in suitable, shared, communal accommodations, or be housed with suitable Catholic/Christian families for the duration of the programme. All participants should be vaccinated against COVID-19.

A contribution of \$400 per participant per week (\$1200 total) will be required for the provision of communal living necessities, mainly food and hospitality services for provided by families. For homestay accommodations, hosts provide the essentials, including toilet paper, soap, linens, and at least one towel and pillow per guest. Any individual particularities such as special needs, comforts or personal requirements should be provided for by the individual participant requiring such during the duration of the programme.

Participants are expected to follow a programme schedule, and participate in communal duties, prayer and recreation in line with the goals and objectives of the programme. Learning and development courses should be completed within the duration of the programme to achieve its mission objectives.

It is expected that advocates use their own networking, skills, and resourcefulness to achieve the mission objectives where necessary. Access to a laptop and smartphone is necessary to be able to complete the programme.

Participants are required to agree to CCSJ/AMMR's policies, and adhere to the Archdiocese's health & safety protocols during public ministry activities.





# Host Families For Homestays

We arrange accommodation for you that is secure, and comfortable. You won't be on your own. You will live with a host family alongside at least one other programme participant, or together in a suitable group accommodation facility. You will also have our Parish Ministry Coordinator and Community Liaison Officer available for contact when needed.

## Host Family Requirements

- Treat your advocate like a family member, not a guest. He or she should have the same privileges and obligations as the members of your household.
- Exercise responsibility to ensure the advocate's well being.
- Provide a suitable place in the home where advocates can work & study.
- Provide a room with an exit window, bed, and storage with no more than one roommate of the same sex.
- Provide access to the internet, and living essentials.
- Provide three meals per day. Note: If the participant chooses to buy food for consumption, they are responsible for the cost.
- Pray the family rosary daily at a set time of day.
- Cooperate with the CCSJ/AMMR by adhering to programme's objectives, regulations, and policies.





# Admissions & Enquiries

Apply to Volunteer!

Scan or Click QR Code



Apply to Host

Scan or Click QR Code



## Organizer

The Archdiocese Ministry for Migrants & Refugees

## Address

Office of the Chancery  
27 Maraval Road,  
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## Email

The Community Liaison Officer  
[clo.ammr@catholictr.org](mailto:clo.ammr@catholictr.org)

## Social Media (Facebook)

AMMR - Catholic Ministry Community  
CCSJ Trinidad & Tobago

## Website

[rcsocialjustice.org](http://rcsocialjustice.org)

