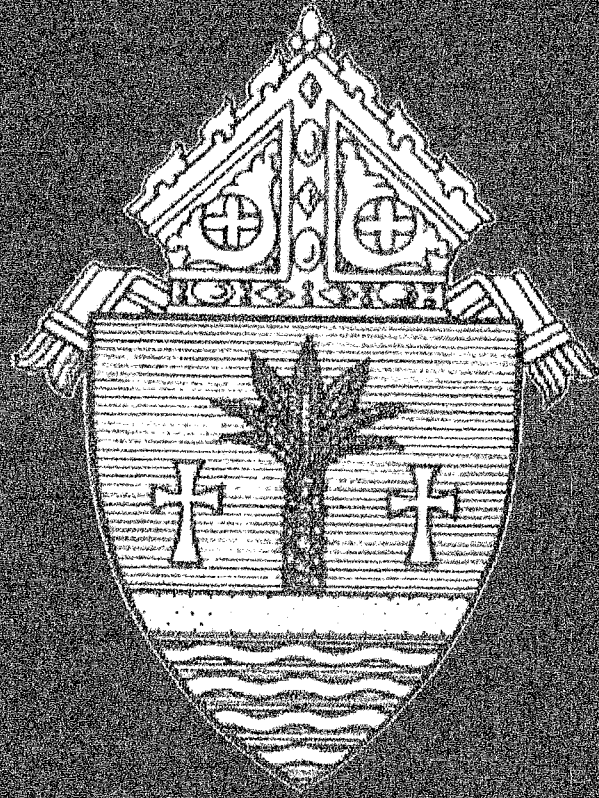


Catholic Charities Legal Services Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.



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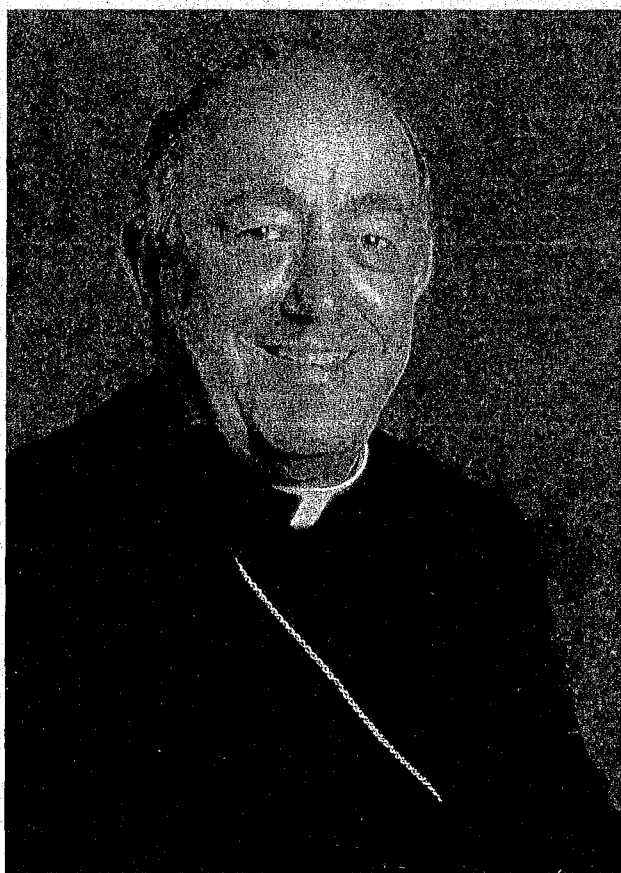
Mission Statement

Leviticus 19:34

“You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for her or him as yourself, for you too were once aliens...”

Catholic Charities Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. (CCLS), is committed to justice and the alleviation of human misery through the promotion of the principle of equal access to the system of justice and the provision of legal services to the neediest members of the community.

- Legal services for those who come to South Florida from foreign lands.
- Assistance for those who lack sufficient means to obtain legal help.
- Services provided without regard to faith or national origin.



“History has shown us that immigrants are not a burden but a gift to our nation.”

History also has shown us that we cannot create an underclass of citizens with unequal rights.”

*Most Reverend John C. Favalora
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Miami*

Message from Archbishop of Miami

Dear Friends:

Our Church is an immigrant Church, carried to this country in the faithful hearts of our parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends as they journeyed to a new home in America. Our nation is a land of immigrants, built by the hard work and perseverance of untold millions from every region of the world.

We in the Archdiocese of Miami know this simple fact more than most. Daily, we benefit from the vital contributions of South Florida's immigrant and refugee communities. They strengthen and diversify our community. However, today many newcomers to our country face rising anti-immigrant bigotry, complex immigration laws and a confusing bureaucracy. Many have unhealed wounds from a painful past. Many encounter unexpected barriers as they adjust to a new culture and a new way of life. They face an uncertain future and often come first to the Catholic Church for spiritual and pastoral care.

It mission of the Catholic Church to serve these brothers and sisters in need. As such, the work of Catholic Charities Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. represents an essential ministry of the Archdiocese by providing legal representation and professional immigration services to South Florida's immigrant and refugee communities. With the help of CCLS deserving immigrants and refugees persevere and realize their dreams for a bright and secure future in the United States of America.

As you review the good work of CCLS in this annual report, I ask that you keep our agency, our mission, and our clients in your thoughts and prayers.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly. With personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely in the Lord,


Archbishop of Miami

Introduction/Background

Catholic Charities Legal Services, Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. (CCLS) focuses exclusively on helping poor immigrants obtain asylum, establish legal residency, become citizens and reunite families. Catholic Charities Legal Services was created on January 1, 1998 when the Haitian services G.W.L. Legal Project (1994) merged with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network in Miami (1988).



*Randolph P. McGroarty, Esq.
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With a staff of 34 including 8 full-time Attorneys and six BIA accredited representatives, CCLS is one of the largest agencies representing poor immigrants in South Florida. CCLS has a satellite facility servicing the predominantly Cuban community of Hialeah, another satellite servicing diverse communities, most particularly the Colombian community of Broward, and a third satellite servicing migrant workers, most notably the Mexican community in Homestead.

Haitians and Cubans constitute the agency's biggest clients, with a large number of Columbians, Guatemalans, Salvadorans, and Venezuelans also being served. During the past several years, CCLS' multicultural, multilingual staff has helped people from 60 different nations, including two dozens Coptic Christians fleeing persecution in Egypt; Serbs, Poles, Albanians and other refugees from Eastern Europe; and Africans fleeing the violence in Zaire, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Niger and Sierra Leone.

As a provider of legal assistance and representation for immigrants, refugees, and impoverished people in the Archdiocese of Miami, CCLS provides a full range of immigration-related legal services, from initial advice, to assistance, to full representation, to a low-income clientele. It supports arch/dioceses and religious institutes that need the invaluable services of foreign-born priests, nuns, seminarians and lay workers. It enables CCLS to better fulfill its mission to enhance and support the legal immigration work of the Catholic Church in the United States. It also provides services to other denominational congregations in need of these services.

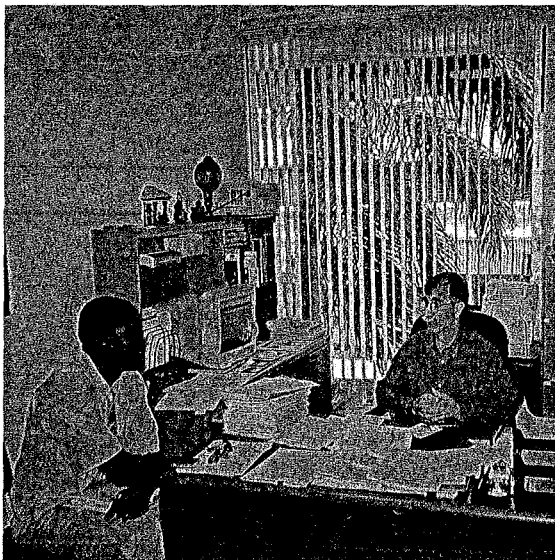
"Welcome migrating families and work to help them stay together, so that they can overcome the obstacles and the material and spiritual difficulties [they] encounter." Pope Benedict XVI

Overview of CCLS' Work Among the Immigrants

A. CCLS' Work Among the Immigrants

CCLS provides a wide variety of legal immigration services including but not limited to applications to request political asylum in the United States, completion of family-based (petition for family relative and following-to join), family relative petition reinstatement, affidavit of support, and replacement of initial resident alien card, preparation of application for citizenship and work authorization, adjustment of status to legal permanent residence and travel document, TPS application and Cuban parole. CCLS prepares various motions to the Immigration Courts and the Service Centers, Appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Administrative Appeals Unit, and waivers. It assists individuals with various visas, including tourist and humanitarian visas through American Consuls abroad. It assists and represents minors in their juvenile claims, abused women and children and detainees. CCLS provides top notch pro-bono representation to immigrants before federal agencies like the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [Citizenship and Immigration Services(CIS), Customs and Border Protection(CBP), Immigration Customs Enforcement(ICE)], the Executive Office of Immigration Review(EOIR), the Department of State, regardless of religious affiliations.

B. CCLS' Accomplishments



Over the years, CCLS has filed nearly 15,000 applications for political asylum, accepting over 6,500 cases pending before the immigration courts, completed over 10,000 petitions for family-based immigration, prepared 2,000 applications for citizenship, and executed 1000's of requests for work authorization and adjustment of status to that of legal permanent residence. CCLS has accompanied 11,000 asylum applicants to their asylum interviews, represented 100's of children in their juvenile cases, filed and represented 420 abused women and 100's in detention, prepared various motions to the Immigration Courts and Service Centers, and appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals and the

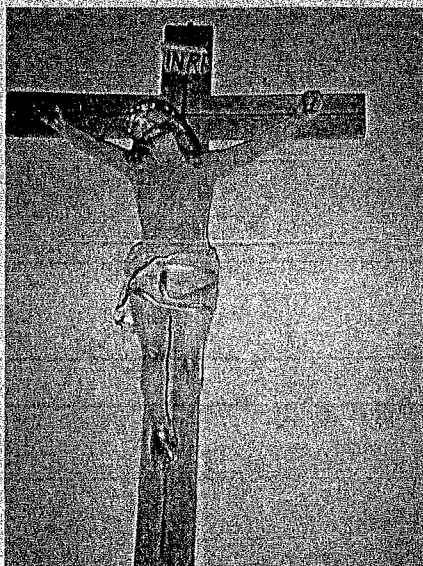
Administrative Appeals Unit, assisted individuals with various visas, including 548 religious petitions for foreign-born priests, sisters, seminarians and lay persons, and several other work visas.

While the most significant aspect of these figures remain the number of client contacts and the opportunity for outreach and public education represented by such contacts, CCLS has experienced considerable success in obtaining legal status for its clients. All the beneficiaries now have the opportunity to fully contribute to the vibrant immigrant community which distinguishes South Florida. CCLS has helped 8,987 obtain asylum

status, reunite 1000's families through family-based petitions, the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA) and asylum/refugee petitions. More than 1,000 elderly, low-income, low-literate and disabled newcomers have achieved citizenship through the CCLS' citizenship project. As a result these new citizens are experiencing newfound freedom and a political voice. Numerous abused women and children and unaccompanied minors have obtained permanent residence status. It has also helped 1000's of individuals obtain work authorization, 100's released from detention centers and found freedom, 100's obtained cancellation of removal and 478 religious workers have changed their status to that of immigrant or nonimmigrant religious.

A Client's Journey of Hope

Ana Maria just turned sixteen. She was born in Armenia, El Salvador, and came to the United States in July of 2006 with her younger sister and two younger brothers. When she was nine years old, her mother and stepfather left El Salvador and moved to the United States, leaving the four children with an aunt. Her aunt's husband, the head of the household, was an alcoholic who abused the children. He sexually abused the youngest girl at a very young age. He threatened them with a machete and verbally abused them. Finally, the aunt decided that the children could no longer stay with them.



The four siblings then went to live with another aunt, who had six of her own children. But the pattern of abuse continued there, as well. Both the aunt and uncle treated them harshly, more like servants than foster children. They were not allowed to study or to do homework because of the amount of chores required of them. They were beaten and verbally abused by both the aunt and the uncle. The aunt used an electrical cord to whip them, leaving scars that remain visible today. While the children did have contact with their mother in the U.S., they were afraid of telling her about the abuse for fear of reprisals from the aunt. Ana Maria was also much too fearful to go to the authorities because she feared punishment from the uncle and aunt. The older male cousins in the household also treated the children badly and constantly harassed them. The older cousins made sexual references and touched them inappropriately.

However, the girls had an even worse experience. A male cousin in the house tried to sexually abuse both sisters. Ana Maria also faced severe problems outside the home. She was attacked by gang members one day while walking home from school. Three men pulled their car up next to her, abducted her, and covered her mouth. They took her to a vacant house where they raped her. The men bore the identifying tattoos of the Mara Salvatrucha gang. The men simply left her there bleeding on the floor. She made

her way home and told her aunt and uncle about the horrific incident. Her aunt accused her of inviting the rape because she was walking alone. Her uncle refused to report the rape because he said the gang had infiltrated the local police; he feared there would be revenge, and the police would not protect them. In fact, the uncle grew fearful for the safety of the rest of the family. His fears were confirmed when the youngest brother returned home with a message from a stranger, threatening the family if anyone reported the rape. The aunt and uncle ordered the children out of the house.

Thus, the children then made the desperate decision to come to the United States to be reunited with their mother. After a long painful trip, they are now safe, and with the assistance and support of Catholic Charities Legal Services of the Archdiocese of Miami, Ana Maria and her three siblings won asylum in the United States, they are trying to build a new life.

Training and Advocacy

A. Training

Immigration law is highly complex and evolving. CCLS provides high-quality immigration training. Each year CCLS helps 100's non-profit, private immigration attorneys and legal counselors expand their expertise. CCLS provides a biannual training hosted by CCLS Board Members.

These CCLS' immigration trainings covered the most important substantive issues facing low-income immigrants and service providers including private practitioners:

family-based immigration and the affidavit of support, an obstacle to family reunification, adjustment of status, grounds of inadmissibility and deportability, relief from removal, bond and parole procedures and ethics, advanced issues and strategies for complex work visas, and labor certification processing. Trainings are usually held in the Archdiocese of Miami. CCLS also conducts a biannual on-site training for its staff.



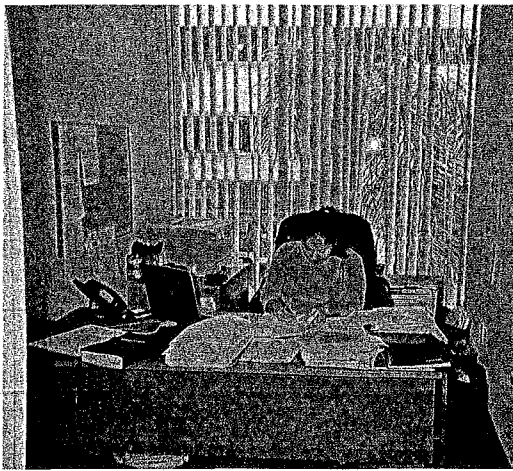
B. Advocacy

CCLS has a particular emphasis on asylum and refugee law, as well as issues relating to the Haitian and Cuban communities.

In 1998, CCLS strongly supported the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA), attended meetings held at the offices of members of the Congress, including meetings held by national and community leaders and grass roots movement. This law led-to-legal-residency-for-thousands-of-our-Haitian-friends.

In 2001, CCLS formalized and expanded its advocacy efforts. In 2007, CCLS focused on administrative advocacy with the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) locally, and addresses CIS processing delay and family reunification issues, including CIS not responding to inquiries, not processing religious petitions timely, not issuing or are revoking parole for Haitians, arbitrary repatriation and detention, work employment authorization denials for Haitians.

Throughout the year, CCLS has attended tens of meetings with federal officials in an attempt to resolve problems and promote affirmative strategies to improve immigrants' access to justice. Successes that were achieved included a meeting with local CIS representatives at CCLS main office to bring the issues of Cuban parole and the prompt issuance of work permit to this community.



CCLS became heavily involved in detention work when an influx of Haitian asylum seekers landed on Miami's shores on October 29, 2002 and were detained. In addition to providing desperately needed legal assistance to this emergency situation, CCLS' office has brought an awareness of immigrant issues to the wider community. Cited widely in local media, CCLS staff have taken a leading role in educating community members and government officials about the pernicious effect of detention on asylum seekers. Through press

coverage, letters to elected officials, CCLS has been an outspoken, passionate advocate for the immigrant community in general, and the Haitian detained population in particular. In March 2007, CCLS responded to the need of 101 Haitian asylum seekers on the shores of Hallandale Beach, and provides "Know Your Rights" trainings to as many of the demographic groups as possible.

CCLS worked for greater access to religious services for detainees at TGK in the past, currently at Krome Detention Center and Broward Transitional Center, and a prompt timely processing of family petitions. CCLS also intervened in cases brought to its attention.

CCLS provided outreach services to the migrant and refugee communities at various Catholic parishes in the western, eastern, southern, and northern parts of Florida. In 2007, CCLS provided 9 outreaches at various parishes within the Archdiocese of Miami and has trained in the past a member of the Mennonite church, two members of the protestant churches (Baptist and Pentecost) to become more self-sufficient to aid the immigrants and refugees within their communities.

"Ours is a nation founded and shaped by immigrants. A humane immigration reform package is in the best interests of our country and all who live here." Archbishop J. C. Favalora, Archdiocese of Miami

Divisions & Projects

CCLS has several departments including two satellites in Broward and Miami Springs (Hialeah), and since 2004 CCLS has been providing services to the neighboring Homestead area.

A. Division of Religious Immigration Services

The DRIS enables CCLS to continue its mission by demonstrating support towards the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. It assists the Archdiocese of Miami, many other dioceses, religious communities, and various religious institutions including Anglican, Baptist, Episcopal, Hinduism, Jehovah Witness, and Methodist, with their immigration needs. The DRIS provides legal representation and assistance in bringing foreign-born priests, religious men and women, ministers and seminarians from Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Venezuela, for formation, education, and/or ministry. It also provides legal representation and assistance for those who are currently present in the United States.

The DRIS provides consultation on religious immigration matters, representation of clients as necessary, preparation of various forms, and on-going management of clients' cases. It maintains contacts with various U.S. Consular offices abroad. It engages in significant outreach efforts.

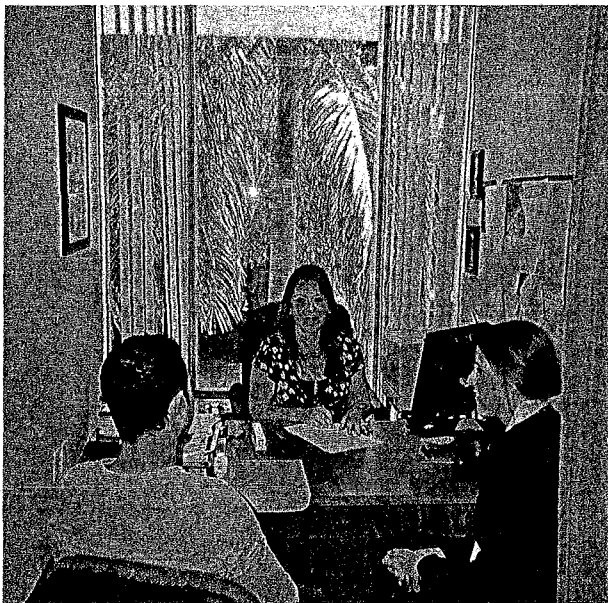


B. Litigation Department

The litigation department is comprised of full-time immigration court, asylum unit, and appellate attorneys and accredited representatives and paralegals assisting the attorneys and the accredited representatives. The litigation department staff mainly represent clients before the Department of Homeland Security including the CIS and ICE, and the EOIR.

The immigration court attorneys and accredited representatives carry out most immigration court cases, represent vast clientele in court, at the Miami Asylum Office and the Miami CIS District Office. The asylum attorneys focus more on preparing and filling application to request asylum, representing clients at their interviews at the Miami Asylum Office and respond to NOIDs.

The appellate division focuses on the many existing and new clients that need representation at the appellate division. The appellate attorney is an important key at CCLS. S/he represents clients who lost their cases before the Immigration Court office.



The paralegals assist the attorneys and the accredited representatives in very vast matters including preparation of various forms, such as adjustment of status applications, application for work authorization and various court and service center motions, including translation.

In 2007, the Litigation Department has served approximately 2,900 clients living in South Florida, including Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. It has also a large number of clients in Central Florida including Orlando, Fort Myers, Port St. Lucy, Lake Worth and Tampa, and clients who initially resided in

Florida, have moved to other states while their cases are still pending in Miami. 250 asylum applications were filed before the Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Miami Asylum Office and before the Immigration Court. About 600 applications for adjustment of status and/or Cuban adjustment to become legal permanent residents in the United States were filed mostly before the office of the Immigration Court. Others were assisted in a variety of matters and were represented either before the office of the Immigration Judge or Citizenship and Immigration Services, including 25 who were being represented before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Many of these cases are pending as immigration matters involve years before a decision is made on a case. However, the Litigation Department has successfully won 471 cases.

C. Immigration Services Division

The Immigration Services Department is comprised of full-time attorneys, fully and partially accredited representatives, paralegals and in-take paralegals. The attorneys and the fully accredited representatives staff mainly represent clients before the Department of Homeland Security and the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the partially accredited staff represents clients solely before the Department of Homeland Security.

The attorneys and the fully accredited representatives carry out immigration court cases, represent vast clientele in Court, at the Miami Asylum Office and the Miami CIS District Office. The fully accredited representatives focus also on preparing and filing applications to request asylum, representing clients at their interviews at the Miami Asylum Office. The partially accredited representatives focus on preparing applications to request asylum, and the preparation of various forms, such as adjustment applications and CIS motions. The paralegals assist the attorneys and the fully accredited representatives in very vast matters including preparation of various forms, such as adjustment of status applications, Cuban parole, family relative petition, affidavit of support, and various motions.

In 2007, the Immigration Services department assisted thousands of clients living in South Florida, including Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties. It has also a large number of clients in Central Florida, and clients who initially resided in Florida, have moved to other states while their cases are still pending in Miami. Numerous applications were filed before the Citizenship and Immigration Services at the Miami Asylum Office and before the Immigration Court. About 3,300 applications for adjustment of status to become legal permanent residents in the United States were filed mostly before the Citizenship and Immigration Services, 209 family relative petitions, 1000's work authorization applications, motions, waivers and other variety of matters and were represented either before the Immigration Court or Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The Immigration Services Department has successfully won 329 asylum cases, 2,049 adjustment cases, 213 HRIFA adjustment cases, 1,100 HRIFA dependents were brought to the United States, 351 Cuban adjustments, and 1000's have obtained a work authorization.



D. Special Projects

As a society, we have come to recognize that all human beings are entitled to fundamental rights and that the ultimate measure of the justice of any community is the measure of protection it provides to its weakest and humblest residents. Thus, America guarantees the educational rights of the learning impaired, the rights to proper treatment of imprisoned criminals, and the legal rights of undocumented aliens against deportation

without due process.

i) Victims of Violence (At-Risk Women, Children & Families)

Migrant women and children who have experienced domestic abuse stand at the crossroads of some of the vexing social issues present in our society: the feminization of poverty, ethnic and racial discrimination, and the social and psychological barriers restricting access to assistance. CCLS, through its Women and Children's Project, addresses a threshold need of this population by providing immigration services to the under-served migrant communities of South Florida.

In 1994, Congress enacted the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which was intended to prevent violence against women and increase methods of intervention in abusive situations.



Spousal and child abuse are major problems. Abuse often results in severe pain, injury, even death. It also foments social and psychological disfunctioning and the perpetuation of crime and social violence.

Many immigrant women are now able to apply for legal residence by showing evidence of abuse, rather than relying on abusive spouses to file applications for them. However, the fear of being alone, lack of resources, and language barriers remain obstacles to seeking assistance.

While accurate statistics detailing these populations are not readily available since most individuals with irregular immigration status resist detection, the demographics of Miami-Dade suggest that the numbers are staggering.

The ultimate purpose of the project, while addressing the immediate immigration needs of abused women and children, results in the empowerment of this population by regularizing their immigration status, which results in economic opportunity and access to social services.

CCLS offers at-risk women and children legal representation and immigration services before the Immigration Courts and various government agencies to obtain residence, working permits, or citizenship. Services also include outreach and education, cases evaluations and consultations, preparation and filing of appropriate petitions and requisite documentation, and representation before the Immigration Courts and the Department of Homeland Security. These special cases are referred for further assistance, such as counseling, case management and spiritual guidance.

ii) People With Special Needs

In 1990, Congress amended the Immigration and Nationality Act to require that aliens infected with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS: 1) be aware of the seriousness of their medical condition, 2) understand how the disease is transmitted and the precautions necessary to prevent that transmission, and 3) be prepared to receive the medical treatments which they require as a condition of being granted residency.

Unfortunately, this legislation is commonly misunderstood by immigrants to South Florida and by many HIV professionals as well. False beliefs that an HIV diagnosis means deportation, combined with a lack of accessible legal waiver services, have transformed the legal safeguards of the public health in the immigration law into a public health danger, and they have imposed a frightening legal burden upon people whose "crime" is that they are sick.

CCLS has designed a program of community outreach and legal services to meet this need. It refers its clients to an already existing and publicly funded set of medical, counseling, and support services, and monitors their use to ensure that the public health concerns of the community and the medical and service needs of those clients are being met. It has also filed several waivers for those aliens infected with HIV. Some of these cases are being represented and have been taken by the CCLS Division Immigration and Religious Services. In addition to meeting the regular requirements, an applicant must demonstrate several other factors, such as the possibility or spread of the infection created by the admission is minimal, and that there will be no cost incurred by any level of government agency of the U.S. without prior consent of the agency. Because of the complexity of these cases, such as an applicant must have a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident child or spouse, more outreach is essential.

CCLS encountered several mentally disabled individuals who need legal services such as representation before the Citizenship and Immigration Services.

iii) Unaccompanied Minors

Abused undocumented minors are at special risk. The tension of immigration and poverty often increase domestic violence, leaving perhaps a third of undocumented minors physically, sexually, or emotionally abused. These children share the same dangers as the adults; others arrive unaccompanied, subjecting them to still greater hazards with no legal guardians to whom to turn. Immigration law has served as a tool to citizen/resident alien abusers of the undocumented minors: Banned from work, the abused undocumented or unaccompanied minors are often entirely



dependent on their abusing family members for subsistence. Fear of deportation usually deters them from seeking any assistance, such as entering a shelter or obtaining protective orders, enrolling in school, if they are aware of such remedies. Language, illiteracy, and social seclusion are often barriers to the minor aliens' understanding of their domestic rights and responsibilities.

CCLS has developed such a program. CCLS represents juveniles in state court dependency hearings, the first step in obtaining a special juvenile visa. It enables minors under the age of eighteen without parents in the U.S. to become legal permanent residents. CCLS has been very successful and has helped obtain legal dependency for over 111 unaccompanied minors in 2007. Also, it has referred them to the appropriate government agencies for various aids.

"We are telling people not to go to Haiti because it is not safe yet we are sending people back to their deaths through starvation or at the hands of gangs." Archbishop John C. Favalora, Archdiocese of Miami

iv) Detention/Detained Torture Survivors

Asylum seekers fleeing political, social, or religious persecution come to the United States to find safety, peace, and protection. Many are detained upon arrival for months or even prolonged periods. Detention can cause particular anguish for asylum seekers because it can evoke the conditions that they fled in their home countries. Their access to legal representation is limited.

Many of CCLS' non-detained clients have had friends or family members in detention who were seeking assistance. On rare occasions, former clients found themselves detained and asked for further assistance. Church referrals and requests for help from the detention ministry brought still other cases to the attention of CCLS. CCLS accepted many cases through its program, but the very large amount of resources required to fully represent detained individuals prohibited CCLS from maintaining a large detained caseload.

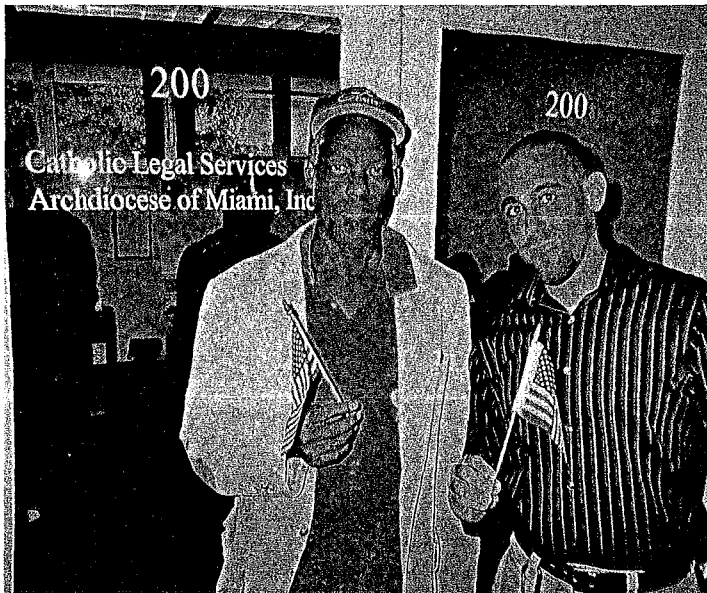
Asylum cases often require lengthy and complex preparation of legal arguments and supporting documentation. Based on this growing demand for representation, CCLS has dedicated one lawyer and two fully accredited representatives with extensive deportation background, has been providing "Know Your Rights" Presentations twice a month and direct representation on a consistent basis. With these appointed staff, CCLS had resources in place to respond in October 2002 to the unexpected arrival of 220 Haitian asylum seekers on the shores of Key Biscayne and in March 2007 to 101 migrants landed in a small, overloaded sailboat in Hallandale Beach including 13 unaccompanied minors.

E. Citizenship

The strength of the United States depends in part on its inclusiveness and the integration of its immigrant families.

CCLS initiated a Citizenship Project. The project initially began in July 2001 and

focused on special needs population such as seniors and the disabled, with special attention to the Haitian and Cuban refugee communities. In 2003, CCLS expanded the project by giving attention to all nations. CCLS focuses its citizenship outreach and legal service efforts on the most vulnerable and disenfranchised immigrant populations. As a result, these new citizens are experiencing newfound freedom, economic security, and a political voice.



Since the inception of the project in July 2001, CCLS produced 2,321 consultations, 900 citizenship applications, 1,230

permanent resident (green card) applications, and referred 100's of individuals for English language classes and citizenship-test preparation.

F. Cuban Processing Project

Incepted in 2001, the Cuban Processing Project (CPP) at the main office served approximately 4,500 arriving Cuban aliens. They arrived undocumented, and are thus unable to access programs and other benefits designed to assist them. The CPP helps them obtain parole and work authorization, and referred them to employment agencies and/or other federally-funded agencies for appropriate aid. Once they obtain employment, they become productive members and have the opportunity to fully contribute to the vibrant immigrant community which distinguishes South Florida.

- i) **Maribel Cubans** - In early January 2005, the Supreme Court decided *Clark v. Martinez*, which held that individuals such as Maribel Cubans could not be held indefinitely by DHS after being ordered deported if their countries do not accept them. CCLS provided services to 100's Maribel Cubans in light of the Supreme Court case.
- ii) **Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program (CFRP)** – USCIS has a new program called the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program or CFRP. Under this new program USCIS is offering beneficiaries of approved family-based immigrant visa petitions an opportunity to come to the US via a parole rather than remain in Cuba awaiting visa availability. The purpose of the program is to expedite family reunification through safe, legal, and orderly channels of migration to the U.S. and to discourage dangerous and irregular maritime migration. Since the inception of this Program CCLS has served many families.

Broward Satellite

Since 2000, CCLS has provided immigration services and legal representation to the refugee and immigrant communities of Broward. It provides a wide variety of legal immigration services including but not limited to applications to request political asylum in the United States, completion of family-based application (petition for family relative and following-to join), affidavit of support, preparation of application for citizenship and work authorization, adjustment of status to legal permanent residence, and travel document. It also prepares various motions to the Immigration Court and the Service Center, appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals, and waivers.

The Broward office specializes in assisting and representing abused women, children and detainees. The Violence Against The Broward office specializes in assisting and representing abused women, children and detainees. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) offers a variety of legal remedies for domestic victims, including self-petitions, removal of condition petitions, and cancellation of removal. The Broward office has represented DV victims with all of these types of petitions. It has also represented DV victims with gender-based asylum claims. In 2007, this office represented 36 clients with DV related cases.

The detention attorney conducted "Know Your Rights" presentations on a biweekly basis at the Krome Detention Facility in Miami and the Broward Transitional Center in Pompano Beach. The detention attorney carried a caseload of 39 detention cases, which run on an expedited docket. The claims of the cases the detention attorney represented were generally bond hearings, parole requests, asylum, relief under the Convention Against Torture, representation of criminal aliens, and representation before the Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals.

Miami Springs Satellite

The Miami Springs' (Hialeah) staff provide legal assistance to the predominantly Cuban community of Hialeah. It accepts referrals, most notably from the Refugee Resettlement office operated by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami. They executed 1000's of work permits, parole, and adjustment of status for Cubans to become legal permanent residents after a year of their arrival in the United States.



Homestead Satellite

The Homestead office provides legal assistance to migrant workers, most notably Mexicans. It accepts referrals from and works closely with Catholic

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Statement of Activities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL SERVICES ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI, INC. FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006	
REVENUE, GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	
Professional Services Fees	\$ 560,537
Federal Awards	1,207,966
Other Grants	175,989
Training & Seminars	10,654
Other Contributions	42,841
Federal Work Study Program	5,371
TOTAL REVENUE, GRANTS & OTHER SUPPORT	<u>2,003,357</u>
EXPENSES	
Program Services:	
Immigration Services	1,630,705
Support Services:	
Management & General	287,771
Fundraising & Development	4,741
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,923,217</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	80,139
UNRESTRICTED NET DEFICIENCY	
BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>(435,905)</u>
END OF YEAR	<u>(355,766)</u>

Statement of Financial Position

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL SERVICES
ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI, INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Grants Receivable	<u>143,452</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	143,452
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	
Property and equipment, at cost, less accumulated depreciation	<u>15,789</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>159,240</u>
LIABILITIES & NET DEFICIENCY	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Bank Overdraft	24,863
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	195,225
Notes Payable	155,575
Vacation Accrual	<u>54,344</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	430,007
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	
Notes Payable	<u>85,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>515,007</u>
NET DEFICIENCY	
Unrestricted	(355,766)
Temporarily restricted	---
Permanently restricted	---
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET DEFICIENCY	<u>\$ 159,240</u>

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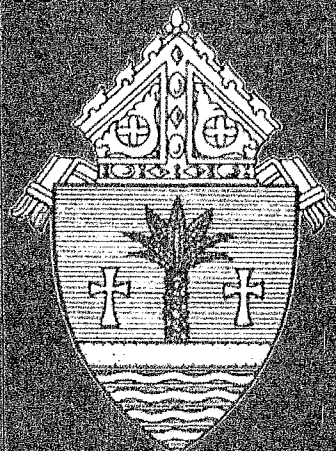
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