



OFFICE OF CATHOLIC HIV/AIDS MINISTRY & MINISTERIO CATOLICO DE VIH/SIDA CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES 20TH



ANNIVERSARY “JESUS SAID: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?”

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VISION

We are called to be instruments of God and, as Church, we commit ourselves to build a community of faith and love, which includes those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

MISSION

- Proclaim that God is source of strength for all who are suffering
- Uphold the dignity of human life
- Provide liturgical, educational, networking resources
- Offer pastoral care, visits, speakers, resource manuals, materials, training and referrals

What have we been doing since founded by the Cardinal in 1986

- HIV/AIDS Pastoral Care to persons living with or affected
- HIV/AIDS Education in Spanish and English
- HIV/AIDS Resource in networking with county, national and local agencies
- National Catholic AIDS Network involvement and speaking

2006 Accomplishments

- Information tabling at all Regional Congresses, Religious Ed Congress and Community Events
- AIDS WALK Los Angeles Gold Team 9 raising over \$31,000
- Spanish Training of the Trainers November 19, 2007
- World AIDS Events coordination

2007/2008 Plans

- Human Sexuality Training for trainers twice a year
- Congress tables and speakers and NCAN local resources
- Spanish and English AIDS training the trainers several times a year
- Youth and Adults Talks
- CRS AIDS Exhibit joint venture in February at USC, in March at Congress and LMU
- Spanish and English Updates with Clergy and parish leaders
- Research project targeting the communities of risk so as to target education and resources.

FACTS — “The truth sets us free”

YouthAIDS (youthaids.org):

- Two young people become infected with HIV every hour in the U.S.
- 50% of all new infections occur in young people between the ages of 15-24. Most of them don't know they carry the virus.
- 15 million children have been orphaned by AIDS – that is the equivalent to every American child under the age of 5.
- AIDS kills one child every minute.

UNAIDS/WHO 2006

- 39.5 million people living with HIV
- 4.3 million new infections with 65% in sub-Saharan Africa
- 2.9 million people have died of AIDS-related illness

Pope Benedict XVI on World AIDS Day 2006: “will serve to foster greater responsibility in curing this disease, as well as in the commitment to avoid all discrimination of those who have been affected. [He invoked] the Lord’s consolation on the sick and their families and encouraged the many initiatives which the Church supports in this field.”