



CCSJ & AMMR REPORT FOR 1ST QUARTER 2020

1. COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR: (CCSJ's Chair is the Secretary and CCSJ is the Secretariat):

As part of its mandate to educate the public about the Code of Ethical Political Conduct, the Council for Responsible Political Behaviour that monitors adherence to the Code hosted 2 Workshops for 6th Form students on Thurs 5 March and Thurs 12 March at the Faculty of Engineering, UWI, St Augustine Campus, and at Penal Secondary School respectively.

The Ministry of Education approved this initiative. All schools with 6th Forms were invited to send up to 10 students, accompanied by a few teachers. 80 students attended the Workshop at UWI, and 50 attended at Penal Secondary School.

The aims were to develop critical thinking among students who will soon be able to cast their votes and play their part in building our democracy; to improve students' understanding of their roles and responsibilities as TT citizens; and to support the school curriculum that emphasises a sense of nationalism.

The 3-hour Workshops comprised presentations on:

1. Our Democracy and why persons should vote
2. Background for the Code, and
3. The Code itself and what it hopes to achieve.

These were followed by breakout sessions that provided students with an opportunity to examine issues relevant to the application of the Code and to provide feedback on the way forward.

The sessions were taped. A comprehensive report will be produced with the main content being the presentations as well as a summary of the individual reports of the rapporteurs. Version 2 of the Code (June 2019) can be accessed via the Council's website: www.politicaethicstt.org. To date 11 Political Parties have signed on to the revised Code.

2. Promoting the Social Doctrine of the Church:

St Pope John Paul II said in his encyclical: *The Social Concern of the Church*, n.41: "The teaching and spreading of her social doctrine are part of the Church's evangelising mission. Since it is a doctrine aimed at guiding people's behaviour, it consequently gives rise to a 'commitment to justice,' according to each individual's role, vocation, and circumstances."

CCSJ continues to educate the Faithful/share the Church's Social Doctrine with the wider community via:

- CCSJ's Monthly TV programme on TCN,
- in weekly articles in *Catholic News* and *TT Guardian*. Note that the *Independent Catholic News* in the UK have invited me, as Chair of CCSJ, to submit articles to be published in that online Newspaper. To date 7 such articles have been published.
- CCSJ's Parish Link Newsletters
- Presentations at events when invited.

Collaboration with other Departments, Commissions, Ecclesial Communities etc. is critical if we are to achieve our goals.

3. MEETINGS:

From January to March 2020, Simone and I have been involved in a number of meetings, mainly related to our work with Migrants and Refugees e.g.

a. On Wed 8 January, 2020 Simone and I met with the newly appointed Deputy Representative of UNICEF and her team at the UN Office. The meeting provided us with an opportunity to forge closer links and to identify ways in which UNICEF could partner with us, particularly in relation to our work with

Venezuelan migrants and refugees. Simone will report in more detail about this meeting and is following up issues with that Team.

Tanya Radosavljevic, Deputy Representative

Candice Wallace, Child Protection Officer

Lyanna Harracksingh, Social Policy Officer

Tashana Wint, Humanitarian Assistant Coordinator, UNV

Daniela Uresty, Education Officer, UNV

LaTisha Parkinson, U-Report Officer, UNV

b. On Mon 13 Jan I represented His Grace at a luncheon meeting at Joseph's, Rookery Nook, Maraval. It was hosted by His Excellency Sándor Marnix Raphaël Varga van Kibéd en Makfalva, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and His Excellency, Sharad Kumar Gupta, High Commissioner of Canada, to discuss issues relating to migrants and refugees from Venezuela. Also present were the British High Commissioner, H.E. Tim Stew, and the US Ambassador, H.E. Joseph Mondello, as well as some members of their staff (including Joseph FitzGerald, Political and Economic Chief, US Embassy). From TT there was Mr Val Lewis, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of National Security, Charmaine Gandhi-Andrews, Chief Immigration Officer, the Head of Office, Project Coordinator, UN Migration at the International Organisation for Migration, Rochelle Nakhid (LWC) and me.

Among the major issues discussed concerns were expressed that the Permit has not been signed by the Minister of National Security to allow the Chief Immigration Officer to grant student permits or exempt Venezuelan children from having to receive students permits and allow CEBM to admit these children into the 2,033 spaces which currently exist in the Catholic primary school network or to access some form of education in Catholic school premises. Note that they will be educated separately but on our school premises. As of Wed 25 March 2020, permission has still not been granted. I am sure that Sharon Mangroo, CEO, CEBM, will report on this issue.

I also made a special plea for financial and technical support from the various HCs/Embassies to support our work with migrants and refugees. (See 'd' below - a meeting with reps from the US Embassy and the Embassy's support for our application for funds from a donor).

c. On Monday 20 Jan Simone and I met with Mr William Rhodes, an American "philanthropist", at Archbishop's House. He was accompanied by Rhonda Maingot, Rosemary Scott and Rochelle Nakhid (LWC), and Mr Ronald Harford, former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Republic Bank Limited and Republic Financial Holdings Limited. He retired on 31 Dec 2019. Rhodes is President and CEO of William R. Rhodes Global Advisors, LLC which he founded in 2010. Simone and I had hoped that as a philanthropist, he will be interested in assisting us in our efforts to meet the varied needs of Venezuelan migrants and refugees. However, no luck so far. We continue to explore all avenues seeking funds to support AMMR's work.

d. On Wed 22 Jan, at the request of Mr FitzGerald (JJ), I organised a meeting at Archbishop's House to meet with him and 3 members of the US Embassy. Also present at that meeting was Simone, Jenny-Lee, Archbishop's Appeal, Rochelle Nakhid, LWC and a member of AMMR, and Shivonne DuBarry, a member of staff at LWC. At this meeting, Simone and I were able to explore the possibility of applying for funding for AMMR's work from the Julia Taft Refugee Fund via the US Embassy. They will not give funds to the Church, but since CCSJ is a not-for-profit Company, we qualify. We have submitted a proposal.

e. We also met with the Executive Director of UNICEF for the Eastern Caribbean Region, Dr. Aloys Kamuragiye on March 2, 2020 where discussions surrounded the solidification of the partnership between the Archdiocese and UNICEF. Dr. Aloys confirmed his organisation's support for the work of the AMMR and the Parishes and undertook to look at ways in which UNICEF could give both financial and other kinds of support to the work of the AMMR. He asked for a list of the current resource needs of the Catholic Education Board of Management as well as the parish Child Friendly Spaces (CFSes), which have been submitted to him. We await feedback from that office.

f. On March 12, 2020 we met with Fiaz Shah, Education Manager, Eastern Caribbean Area, UNICEF who expressed how impressed the organisation was with the work that the Parishes were doing. He noted that they were willing to work with the Church to provide this much needed intervention and that they would be willing to hold discussions regarding the possibility of providing funding and equipment for same.

4. MEDIA APPEARANCES:

a. On Wed 15 Jan I was a guest on Tony Fraser's radio programme (102.1) to discuss issues relating to same-sex parenting etc. This relates to the newspaper report of the birth of a baby called Miracle on New Year's Day - born to a lesbian couple, Lisa Melville, 47 yrs., and Shackiba St Louis, 27 yrs, as a result of artificial insemination - which they said they inserted at home, using the sperm of a "gay" friend. See: <https://www.stabroeknews.com/2020/01/02/news/regional/trinidad/trinidad-miracle-baby-for-lesbian-couple/>

Also on the Programme was the President of the Evangelical Council, Rev. Desmond Austin, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Council of Evangelical Churches; Rudy Hamraji, a member of the LGBTQIA community and a female colleague of his; Hazel Thompson-Ahye, Attorney-at-Law and Human Rights advocate. Joining the panel via telephone was Dr Angelique Nixon, Deputy of CAISO (Coalition Advocating for Inclusion of Sexual Orientation) and lecturer at UWI Inst. of Gender and Development Studies.

As usual, it was a difficult/challenging 2-hour session as our Catholic/Christian values/beliefs are not totally in sync with that of the LGBTQIA community. Subsequently, Colin Robinson, Head of CAISO, attacked me/my Catholic beliefs in his Newsday column. His Grace suggested that I should not respond but should find an opportunity on one of my platforms to address his comments. I suppose it comes with the territory!

b. On Tues 3 March Simone was a guest on **Breakfast with the Deacons**, focusing on her work as Coordinator of the Archdiocese's Ministry for Migrants and Refugees. While only 20 parishes have established Ministries for Migrants and Refugees, there is a need for others to do so as migration from Venezuela, in particular, continues apace.

5. Panel Discussion: On Tues 18 February, CCSJ held a Panel Discussion from 5pm to 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima, Bushe St., Curepe, to observe World Day of Social Justice on the *Theme: Developing our capacity to build a just society.* Entry was free. Leela Ramdeen, Chair, CCSJ, was the Moderator. PANEL SPEAKERS were:

- Madam Justice Donna Prowell-Raphael, Chair/Judge of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal
- Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Dean, Faculty of Law, UWI, St Augustine Campus

- Fr Arnold Francis, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Fatima
- Charlene Pedro, Founder & CEO, CONVENTUS CONSULTINC.
- Gregory Delzin, Attorney-at-Law & Chair, Sentencing Commission
- Fifty persons attended. You can access the proceedings via the following You Tube link: <https://youtu.be/DrOHMXCbY0k>





6. GRANT APPLICATIONS:

- a. The CCSJ has applied to the Julia Taft Refugee Fund, if successful, we will receive a grant for small scale funding - up to US \$25,000 for a one-time only project - intended to meet gaps in refugee assistance that are not addressed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), other international organisations, or non-governmental organisations receiving U.S. government funding. We await what is called a DUNS number which is required for registration with the US Federal Govt. for the grant.

- b. As you may be aware, we have applied for funding from the Vatican. We have not yet received official word from the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development, the Migrants and Refugees Section with regard the success of this submission. We have however received positive feedback from Fr. Robert Stark the Regional Coordinator for North America, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean that the proposal was being actively considered. An update was requested and was sent to the Vatican in February 27, 2020. Feedback is awaited. We do hope that our bid for funds will be successful as parishes are in dire need of support.

7. AMMR PARTNERSHIPS:

The Archdiocesan Ministry for Migrants and Refugees (AMMR) was established without the allocation of any funding stream. Thus, the AMMR has been assiduously pursuing the establishment of partnerships with a number of international and local agencies in an attempt to get assistance in both cash and kind for the work of the Parishes.

A. International Agencies

- I. In January 2020 the AMMR was added to the R4V Platform, a Regional Interagency Coordinator Platform that aims to address the protection, assistance and integration needs of both refugees and migrants from Venezuela. "It is co-led by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and currently has 63 members - including international and local NGOs, UN agencies, and members of the Red Cross movement". Our membership on the R4V Platform demonstrates the ongoing recognition of the work of the Archdiocese with regard to Migrants and Refugees and the willingness on the part of the international agencies to engage with and lend support to the ongoing work of the Church in our Archdiocese/Trinidad and Tobago. The support obtained from the platform thus far has been in kind, via technical support and the distribution of dignity and other packages.
- II. In January 2020 the AMMR and the Catholic Education Board began close collaboration with UNICEF to promote partnerships regarding the facilitation of the entry of migrant children into Catholic Primary schools across the island. Thus far the Catholic Education Board of Management (CEBM) has identified app. 2,033 spaces which migrant children could occupy. Note that the children who would be allowed entry to the schools by the State are the children of persons

who had registered during the 2-week window for registration last year. As noted above, the Archdiocese awaits the approval of the Minister of National Security before the children can enter our schools. His Grace continues to liaise with the Hon. Minister to secure his approval.

- III.** In February 2020 the AMMR was added to the 'Child protection working group – Children on the Move', which forms part of the R4V platform and now forms part of the child protection response of the platform. The AMMR was also added to the R4V Platform's Child Friendly Space (CFS) Coordination grouping in February 2020. The AMMR was asked to be the Working group's focal point to coordinate the training segment of that Committee's work.
- IV.** UNICEF has offered assistance in kind with regard to the provision of furniture and other necessities to facilitate these children's entry into the respective primary schools. UNICEF has agreed to provide training to the PMMRs in the area of psycho-social support, specifically focusing on the Return to Happiness framework, to cater to the migrant community. Training sessions took place from March 9, 2020 to March 13, 2020, with over 18 persons from Parish Ministries for Migrants and Refugees (PMMRs) being trained as facilitators for the programme. These persons are expected to return to their Parish communities and utilize the methodologies they learned to assist their communities.
- V.** The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has met with the AMMR on a number of occasions and has undertaken to partner with the AMMR to work with the migrant community in Trinidad and Tobago via the network provided by PMMRs. The IOM has also agreed to provide training to all the PMMRs from April 2020 in the following areas: data-collection, report writing, proper reporting mechanisms and concept notes/proposal writing.
- VI.** On March 22, 2020 the IOM did a non-food item distribution drive in the Penal Parish to 40 of the most vulnerable families within that community. The IOM has committed to doing additional distribution campaigns in other PMMRs across the Archdiocese when the funds become available.
- VII.** Both UNICEF and IOM have indicated their interest in signing MOUs with the AMMR to solidify their respective partnerships. The UNHCR has also indicated an interest in exploring potential partnerships with the AMMR. UNICEF has submitted the relevant documentation which the AMMR is currently reviewing.

B. Visit of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)

Two representatives, Ms. Limnyuy Konglim and Ms. Veronica Forin of the ICMC, visited Trinidad from February 10-12, 2020. They met with His Grace, the AMMR, representatives of UNICEF and UNHCR, representatives of LWC and Parishes. They were taken to Parish Child Friendly Spaces in Carapichaima, Mayaro, and Penal and visited CCSJ's San Raphael land which is currently being used by LWC. At the end of their visit they undertook to seek further support, funding sources and resources for the AMMR and the work of the Parishes.

C. State Agencies

- a. The Children's Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (CA) has partnered with the Archdiocese, specifically in relation to child protection. There have been increasing reports of unaccompanied and separated minors arriving in Trinidad and Tobago, primarily from Venezuela. The CA has asked for and received, through the coordination efforts of the AMMR, the assistance of the Archdiocese through the Parish of Penal, as well as through one of the Convents, in terms of temporarily housing some of the minors who could not be housed by the State due to limited resources on its part. Before the intervention of the Church some of the minors were kept in unacceptable conditions for indeterminate periods until their relatives or guardians could be found/identified.
- b. The AMMR also met with and arranged for training and sensitisation sessions for the PMMRs with the CA. One such sensitisation session took place on 13 March 2020 at the end of the *Return to Happiness Programme*.
- c. The AMMR has also engaged with the Counter-trafficking Unit of the Government as well as the Victim Support Unit of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service. Sensitisation sessions are expected to take place with the PMMRs between April and May 2020 with the use of online platforms available.

7. Work of the Parish Ministries for Migrants Refugees (PMMRs)

- a. The AMMR has hosted two online meetings (February 4, 2020 and March 18, 2020) with representatives of the various PMMRs across the island during this quarter. These meetings have been used to plan the activities of the AMMR and PMMRs and develop recommendations and problem-solve.

- b. Most recently a meeting of the PMMRs was held on 18 March 2020 to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the work the PMMRs and to develop general guidelines as to the functioning of the PMMRs going forward. This meeting produced the following recommendations:

Recommendations: -

1. His Grace could be asked to approach the Government to make provisions for the migrants in their social planning
2. Vouchers are an option instead of hampers so that the migrants could do their own shopping, to reduce direct contact. However, we would have to put stipulations in place as well with supermarkets and participating businesses e.g. no cigarettes, alcohol etc. We need to do long term planning for the resources we currently have.
3. Younger volunteers are needed in all the PMMRs.
4. We could ask that messages be placed on the Parish and Archdiocesan FB pages, social media platforms to solicit donations or funding.
5. Ask paediatricians/doctors for milk etc, pharmaceutical companies which would normally give out samples.
6. Figure out how to access LWC's food bank and warehouse – contact Rhonda or Rosemarie
7. Social development Ministry could be contacted for some guidance as to the role that they play with regard to the intervention with the migrant community.
8. Look at the possibility of partnering with organisations such as the Lions Club
9. Ask for face masks, appropriate PPE for PMMRs
10. The option of community food banks could be explored.
11. Until the Archdiocese distributes the protocol for church volunteers, the PMMRs are to be Be vigilant and Be careful. They are to follow the instructions of the Hon. Prime Minister and His Grace: no gatherings of more than 10 persons and no direct contact. However, intimate 'outreach' activities are to be discouraged until further guidance is received. Emergency cases are to also be treated with great care and persons have to practice social distancing and proper sanitation of any items distributed and of themselves.
12. Creative ways of serving and fellowshiping are to be used e.g. social media contact, WhatsApp, phone calls etc. Potential for E-vouchers could be explored.

- c. The AMMR has established an Archdiocesan Working Group on Migrant Education. Its first meeting was held on 25 March 2020. In attendance were Ms. Sharon Mangroo, Ms. Ayanna Nero, Ms. Leela Ramdeen, Mrs. Simone Francois-Whittier, along with representatives of the Parishes with Child Friendly Spaces and those parishes that wish to establish same: Ms. Nicole Melham (Chaguanas), Mr. Daniel George (Penal), Ms. Livia Rincon and Mrs. Marsha De Caires (La Romain), Mrs. Charmaine Trim-Pascall and Mr. Anthony Tobas (Point Fortin), Mrs. Charmaine Andrews (St. Joseph) and Bernadette Acosta (Carapichaima). The objectives of the Parish Child Friendly Spaces (CFSes) were clarified and it was determined that the CFSes will focus on teaching English as a second language to the Spanish speaking children in their spaces, in order to get them ready for potentially entering Catholic Schools once certain other Governmental criteria are met and arrangements put in place, and to help them to integrate into TT society. Pope Francis' mandate to the Church is to: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. A committee was established to craft an appropriate curriculum for the parish CFSes, consistent with the information provided by the Ministry of Education. Additional support will be sought from the US Embassy and UNICEF.

8. The Four Pillars of the response in the Parishes:

Welcoming

The Parishes continue to lead the 'welcoming of migrants' efforts across the island. The PMMRs have been continually collecting and distributing food, clothing and other items to the migrants on an ongoing basis involving members of the migrant community in the process. Spanish and integrated Spanish/English Masses have been held on an increasing basis as well as the inclusion of some Spanish hymns during the Mass in some parishes.

Protecting

An Additional Child Friendly Space has been established by Fr Simon Peter Ango in Mayaro Parish to serve the children in Mayaro and environs e.g. the surrounding areas of Manzanilla and Rio Claro. The Parish of Santa Rosa began English as a Second Language classes for adolescents within the last month and the parish of Point Fortin has indicated its intention to set up a similar school in the near future.



Mayaro Parish Child Friendly Space

The Arima Parish hosted a Health and Well-being Fair on February 29, 2020 for members of the migrant and host communities in their area.



Flyer for Arima's Health and Well-being Fair

The Parish in La Romain held a dental health clinic for the children in their Child Friendly Space on February 17, 2020, they were able to do so with the help of the Soroptimist International group.



La Romain Parish Dental Clinic

Promoting

The Archdiocese partnered with the Children's Authority to ensure that separated and unaccompanied minors were housed while alternatives were sourced. The Parish of Penal and the Missionaries of Charity assisted with the temporary housing of the affected minors.

The parishes that offer language learning programmes have been very intentional in involving migrants themselves in the work of the ministries.



Adolescent Language Classes – Arima

The Penal Parish, Arima, Couva, La Romain, Moruga and the North West Ministries have each involved migrants in all areas of their work. These persons are key contact persons for members of the migrant community and provide key networking assistance. The leader of the Parish Ministry in Moruga provides assistance to the Migrant Community out of the Moruga Poverty Reduction Centre.



Moruga Poverty Reduction Centre – Moruga Parish

The AMMR has also launched an Instagram page and uses WhatsApp to communicate with the PMMRs and to promote key social justice messages with particular reference to migrants and

refugees.

Integrating

The PMMRs have been actively pursuing the integration of the migrants and refugees. This is being done by actively involving them in the life of the Parishes. The North West Migrant Ministry reports that some members of the migrant community have joined the choir and they use overhead projectors with the Mass hymns shown in both Spanish and English. The Point Fortin and Siparia Parishes indicate that they have bi-lingual Masses.



Some PMMRs also host sharing events after Mass to encourage integration amongst the parishioners and wider community. At these events in Parishes such as Arima, St. Joseph, Penal and Carapichaima, the migrants and host communities come together to share food, music and customs.



Games/movies night –

Arima

Some Parishes, such as New Grant/Tableland, even host birthday parties for the children celebrating birthdays. Other parishes such as Arima host

games/movie-nights as well. Parishes such as La Romaine even host cooking classes for members of the migrant and host communities.



Birthday Parties



La Romaine Cooking Class



The recently concluded Carnival Season saw the participation of Migrants in the national carnival celebrations. Some Parishes, such as Arima, hosted a Carnival Family Day.

CCSJ & AMMR - PLANS FOR 2ND QUARTER 2020

1. MARIJUANA SYMPOSIUM: 5 JUNE, 2020

On Monday 27 Jan I organised a meeting, at His Grace's request, to discuss the potential negative effects of Marijuana and possible action that the Archdiocese could take to raise awareness of this issue. Present at the meeting were:

- Archbishop Jason Gordon
- Ms. Leela Ramdeen
- Dr Neil Singh, Head of the Health Service Unit, UWI
- Mr. Gregory Delzin, Attorney-at-Law
- Ms. Rhonda Maingot, Founder, Living Water Community
- Ms. Hulsie Bhaggan, Director, New Life Ministries - LWC's rehabilitation centre e.g. for drug addicts
- Mrs. Simone Francois-Whittier, CCSJ Coordinator for Migrants and Refugees,

Ms. Hulsie Bhaggan will be working with Living Water Community "to develop a national education and awareness campaign that sensitises the population about the dangers associated with addiction and encouraging potential (and existing) addicts to pursue other healthier alternatives, rather than turning (or returning) to marijuana, alcohol, cocaine etc." An "air" campaign and "ground" campaign are planned.

His Grace has asked me, in my capacity as Chair of CCSJ, to organise a Symposium to bring the wisdom of Science into the conversation about the use of marijuana and its impact on human beings and on society.

As you are aware, in November 2019, our Attorney-General laid two bills in Parliament which aimed to decriminalise possession of less than 30 grams (1.1 oz) of marijuana, implement tiered penalties for possession of 30–60 grams (1.1–2.1 oz), and allow cultivation of up to four plants per adult in a household. The decriminalisation bill - the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, was passed by both houses of Parliament and was proclaimed into law on 23 December 2019, while the Cannabis Control Authority Bill was sent to a Joint Select Committee.

A Steering Committee, comprising 5 persons: Neil, Rhonda, Hulsie, Simone and I, has been formed to plan the Symposium. The Symposium, entitled: Marijuana and cannabinoids: Health, research and regulatory considerations, will be by invitation only. It is hoped that about 100 persons will participate as we seek to build a strong case that focuses on some of the negative effects of marijuana

use. It was scheduled to take place at Trinidad Hilton and Conference Centre, Lady Young Road on FRIDAY JUNE 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. However, in light of the restrictions related to COVID-19, His Grace has suggested that we have the conversation via technology, using a zoom platform that can host a conversation for 100 people. We will record the proceedings.

Among those who are being invited by the Committee to attend the Symposium are representatives from the Medical Association of TT, the Psychiatric Association of TT, the Pharmacy Association of TT, Unions, the Media, and Faith Communities, including members of the Inter Religious Organisation.

Speakers will include Archbishop Jason, Dr. Christine Descartes and Dr. Randy Seepersad of the Department of Behavioural Sciences, University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus, who will address participants on the following themes:

- a. Drug Use and Crime among Prison Inmates
- b. Marijuana and Risk-Taking Behaviours: What Society Needs to Know.

2. Promoting the Social Doctrine of the Church:

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3. Laudato Si' Week: CCSJ will be encouraging parishes, schools, the Faithful to join in observing *Laudato Si'* Week from 16-24 May 2020. Pope Francis has invited Catholics around the world to join in a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his encyclical: *Laudato si': On the care of our common home.*" The Vatican states that: "*Laudato Si'* Week is sponsored by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and is meant to encourage Catholic communities to take bolder actions for creation during

the week-long initiative." See the following Website: <https://laudatosiweek.org> and the Toolkit with ideas for use in parishes, schools etc: <https://laudatosiweek.org/toolkit/>

4. Justice, Peace and Community Week (JPCW) 2020:

His Grace has asked CCSJ to shift the October observance of JPCW to November so that the 4th **World Day of the Poor** which falls on Nov 17, 2020 (*33th Sunday in Ordinary Time*) will fall within JPCW. He wants this to be truly an Archdiocesan event. Therefore, during the next quarter, we will start planning for JPCW and hope that all HODs will assist in the planning and execution of activities during JPCW which will run from Sat 14 November to Sat 21 November, 2020.

5. AMMR ACTIVITIES FOR THE UPCOMING QUARTER:

- PMMR Training on Virtus Programme – online April 2020
- PMMR Training from the Counter - Trafficking Unit (CTU) and IOM April & May 2020
- Anti-xenophobia sensitisation with parishes – online in partnership with IOM/UNICEF
- Update of the AMMR Toolkit – April to June 2020
- Mediation Training to be scheduled, Mediation Board's assistance to be sought - TBD
- Mentorship programme to be established so that active Parish Ministries could assist less active parishes with best practices, information etc – May 2020
- Vicariate structure for a closer level coordinated effort - PMMR Vicariate reps to be established April – May 2020
- UNICEF Peer to peer counselling training for youths – postponed TBD

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