

CCSJ PASTORAL PLAN: Synod Pastoral Priority 3: Regenerating the moral and spiritual values of our society (Update: 27 April, 2010)

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Action/Task</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Compl.Date</i>	<i>Status Update</i>
2	<p>Res 1a:2 Conduct an analysis of factors which have contributed to the decline of values in the society</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Production of baseline study. b. Determine what programmes have worked in society. <p><i>Determine what more can be done in terms of programmes to address social problems.</i></p>	<i>Oct 19 2009</i>	<i>Oct 18 2010</i>	<p><i>CCSJ has been trying to find someone to Chair a Think Tank to implement Synod Res #1a:2 In the absence of the Think Tank, Maria Diaz-James has volunteered to work with CCSJ to gather information from local and international sources to assist us with the baseline study. She is also working with Dr Surindra Arjoon Senior Lecturer in Ethics and Decision Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, who has allowed her access to research papers/books and other material at the University. He has also asked some of his research students to collect appropriate data that can assist us. We are still looking for a Chair for the Think Tank.</i></p>
3	<p>Res 1a:3</p> <p><i>Develop a comprehensive programme on values, virtues and social justice for dissemination to parishes using a "Train the Trainer" approach. Post SEA Formation being one aspect of the comprehensive programme</i></p>	<i>Jan 2 2010</i>	<i>Jun 30 2010</i>	<p><i>Values & Virtues Formation Programme in RC Primary Schools:</i> <i>CCSJ has lead responsibility for this programme which is run in RC Primary Schools for Post-SEA students. There is an Archdiocesan Committee – a cross-departmental Committee that oversees the Programme.</i></p> <p><i>In order to localize the Workbook that is used by students in the Programme, last year CCSJ established a Focus Group comprising 5 persons: Principals, Teachers and a member of CEBM, to produce a 2nd Edition Students' Workbook that is more student friendly and that reflects our culture. The Programme comprises 4 modules: Self Awareness, Relationships, Being Responsible, and Balance and Wholeness. His Grace wrote a Foreword for the book and the composer and singer, The Workbook, together with a Teachers' Guide, were launched by His Grace in March 2010 (23 and 24 Workshop). A 2 day training workshop was organised for teachers involved in the Programme - on 23 and 24 March.</i></p>

				<p>SEMINARS ON VALUES AND VIRTUES: Since CCSJ is concerned to promote values and virtues not only among our youths but also among the faithful in general, we are organizing 4 Seminars across the Archdiocese to promote values and virtues:</p> <p><i>Seminar 1: Central/Suburban Vicariates: Thurs 6 May, 2010 at Curepe Parish Hall: 6 – 8.30 pm: Msgr Michael de Verteuil. Theme: Living Christian values and virtues in a secular world.</i></p> <p><i>Seminar 2: Northern Vicariate: Thurs 20 May, 2010 at Assumption Parish Hall: 6 – 8.30 pm: Fr Joseph Harris CSSp. Theme: Why the world needs Christian values and virtues.</i></p> <p><i>Each session will be followed by a Q&A session. It's free of charge. Two further sessions will be held in September (Eastern Vicariate) and November (Southern Vicariate).</i></p>
4	<p>Res 1a:4</p> <p><i>Collaborate with other Christian denominations and faith communities in authentic and meaningful dialogue to foster the development of moral and spiritual values and in the promotion of social justice in society</i></p>	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	<p>Hon Minister Martin Joseph established an Inter-Faith Committee in the latter part of 2009, entitled: <i>A Faith-based approach to crime reduction</i>. The aim was for the leaders of faith communities or their representatives to meet and make recommendations for action to combat crime - to be submitted to the Hon. Minister. Msgr Jason asked CCSJ's Chair to represent the Archdiocese. I attended a few meetings and made a number of suggestions. For a variety of reasons attendance at these meetings was poor and it appears that the group has been disbanded.</p>
5	<p>Res 1a:5</p> <p>Use the media to promote the values of the Catholic Church</p>	Ongoing		<p>See: Weekly articles and Social Justice quotations in Catholic News. Readers are asked to provide feedback to us and we receive a number of helpful e-mails from readers. The articles form part of our education programme to raise awareness of social justice issues. Other use of the media include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appearances on radio and TV programmes to share the values of the Catholic Church - CCSJ publications: Take-a-Bite series, leaflets, booklets, posters etc.

			<p>- CCSJ's Newsletter: With the appointment of a Parish Link Coordinator, Mr Robert Persaud, CCSJ has resumed publication of its Newsletter (see copy distributed at this meeting). It is widely distributed. One of the aims is to share good practice in parishes and to educate the faithful about social justice issues. A list of resources is included at the back of the Newsletter..</p> <p>CCSJ's WEBSITE helps us to educate readers about the Church's teaching on Social Justice. Our weekly articles in Catholic News are uploaded on the website. Also, Fr Joe Harris' weekly homily is uploaded. It is hoped that by sharing Fr Joe's excellent homilies, others will realise the importance of addressing social justice issues in homilies.</p> <p>MEDIA RELEASES: CCSJ issues media releases to publicise events and to raise awareness of certain issues. As a result of these releases, CCSJ is often invited to appear on radio or TV to address social justice issues. It is one way of being visible and of keeping issues on the front burner. (4 have been issued in 2010)</p> <p><i>CCSJ's ASK WHY TV PROGRAMME ON SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES</i> (Channel 10) is a key strategy in implementing this Resolution. DVDs of each programme forms part of our resource bank.</p>
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6	<p>Res 1a:6 Address social justice issues such as those outlined in the Vatican II document - The Church in the Modern World (“...whatsoever is opposed to life itself...” (n 27, <i>Vatican II document. The Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)</i>).</p> <p>NB: This is the theological foundation for implementation of Resolution #3b re pro-life work. And see Res #5:8</p> <p>Review/develop outreach programmes to address social justice issues such as those outlined in <i>The Church in the Modern World</i> – work in progress – responding to local, national and international issues: works of mercy and works of social action.</p>	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	<p>CCSJ continues to address social justice issues through: Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, use of the media, publications such as the Take-a-Bite series, planning for the Respect for Life week and other pro-life activities.</p> <p>This work also involves educating the faithful about Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclicals and messages e.g. his World Day of Peace Message, 1 Jan. 2010. CCSJ held a Seminar to discuss the encyclical. We also focused on these issues during one of CCSJ’s Ask Why TV programmes on TCN (Channel 10) and in CCSJ’s Catholic News column. We used the same strategy when his Peace Message was issued on 1 Jan. on the theme: If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation.</p> <p>Also, copies of the encyclical and the peace message were sent to all priests and key individuals in the Archdiocese. CCSJ’s Parish Link Coordinator addresses these issues in his work in parishes.</p> <p>COLLABORATIVE WORK includes contribution to CREDI’s Conference on Sat 2 Jan in Chaguanas. I was one of the speakers and presented a paper on <i>Authentic Integral Human Development and Education</i>.</p> <p>Also, TCN continues to support our initiatives by filming many of them. The DVDs that TCN provide to us after these events form part of our resource base.</p> <p>We also collaborate with NGOs, CBOs and FBOs e.g. to mark International Women’s Day – CCSJ participated in an event at the National Library to honour 6 TT women, including Dame Louise Horne and Nesta Patrick.</p> <p>We also seek to collaborate with our priests. So, for example, I took the opportunity to deliver lunchtime Lenten retreats from 1 – 5 March at Rosary RC Church- at the invitation of Fr Clyde Harvey and on Mon 1 March (evening) in Chaguanas Parish.</p>
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11	<p>Res 1b:7</p> <p>Address parish and community issues with relevant outreach programmes</p>	Oct 19 2009	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator addresses this Resolution as part of his strategic plan.
12	<p>RESOLUTION #3a: Be it resolved that each Catholic parish and school become a community celebrating the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death, affirming and developing the whole person.</p> <p>Res 3a:1 The Archdiocese to dedicate a week every year to the theme of '<u>respect for life</u>'</p> <p>(see Res #1a:6)</p>			<p>To implement this Resolution and these strategies in 2010, CCSJ, in conjunction with the various departments in the Archdiocese, will be hosting a Respect for Life Week from 26th September to October 3rd 2010. In a spirit of solidarity, we are also seeking to partner with the Inter-Religious Organisation in this initiative.</p> <p>This initiative is in keeping with the Family Life theme for the year. We hope that all parishes, families and schools will join us in this celebration of life and in committing to counter the threats to life at all stages – from conception to natural death. See Newsletter for proposed programme for the week.</p> <p>We hope that parishes, schools and families will identify ways in which they could mark the Week. We welcome suggestions which will inform the Planning Committee's work.</p> <p><i>Respect for Life Week</i> will be dedicated to promote and foster a genuine respect for human life - increase people's respect and understanding of the innate, inviolable dignity and value of all human life from conception until natural death.</p> <p>The Planning Committee will produce a pull-out supplement to be published in Catholic News.</p>

14	<p>Res 3a:3</p> <p>Each parish to conscientiously, honestly assess how it respects life, in terms of facilities for and service to persons from all walks of life and implement systems accordingly</p>	<p>Linked to Item 12, Res 3a:1</p>	<p>Linked to Item 12, Res 3a:1</p>	<p>CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator is addressing this Resolution in his strategic plan.</p> <p>Parishes will be encouraged to focus on this issue particularly during Respect for Life Week</p>
15	<p>RESOLUTION #3b: <i>Be it resolved that</i> the Archdiocese develop a comprehensive programme as it relates to pro-life (including the topical issues of abortion and contraception) given our belief in, and our celebration of, the sanctity of life.</p> <p>Res 3b:1 The Archdiocese to promote the teaching of the Catholic Church's position on life issues from conception to natural death and to be proactive in promoting a culture of life in T&T</p>	<p>Dec 7 2009</p>	<p>Dec 8 2010</p>	<p>CCSJ continues to promote a culture of life via articles, Ask Why TV programme, appearances on TCN and other TV and radio programmes to speak about pro-life issues, production of material for distribution etc.</p> <p>CCSJ continues to work closely with Human Life International, USA on pro-life issues across the Caribbean. After Brian Clowes visit to TT/Caribbean – which CCSJ organised last year, CCSJ has been involved with him in arranging a team of Catholic lawyers from the Alliance Defense Fund, to assist Caribbean islands in seeking to entrench in the various Caribbean Constitutions the right to life from fertilization. T</p>
16	<p>Res 3b:2</p> <p>Parishes to host ongoing fora to teach/educate the faithful on the social teaching of the church and encourage youth and community debates on values and counter-values</p> <p>Continue Social Justice 11 Module online social justice course in partnership with CREDI & Univ. of Dayton, USA</p>	<p>Dec 7 2009</p> <p>Jul 1 2010</p>	<p>Dec 8 2010</p> <p>Dec 7 2010</p>	<p>CCSJ, in partnership with CREDI and the Univ. Of Dayton, is currently running an online Social Justice Modular Course. Participants are expected to use the knowledge gained in their homes, parishes, communities and workplaces. We keep a data base so that we can draw on the expertise of these persons in the future.</p>
17	<p>Res 3b:3</p> <p>Develop programmes within the parish to support those young women and men who have chosen life in difficult circumstances</p>	<p>Dec 7, 2009</p>	<p>Dec 8 2010</p>	<p>CCSJ has responsibility for overseeing the work of the Mary Care Centre. The Archdiocese has agreed to pass responsibility for the day to day running of the Centre to Eternal Light Community – at a peppercorn rent. We are finalizing the Agreement between ELC and the Archdiocese. Once this is signed, ELC will take responsibility for running the Centre and CCSJ will oversee its work. The Management Board comprises: Msgr Jason Gordon, Bernadette Patrick, and Leela (CCSJ).</p>

18	Res 3b:4 : Organize a national concert for life, featuring popular artistes who are pro-life, regardless of religion	Linked to Item 12, Res 3a:1	Linked to Item 12, Res 3a:1	
19	RESOLUTION #4: Be it resolved that in keeping with the Catholic position on <u>Creation</u>, our families, schools and parishes recognize our responsibility as stewards of Creation and express this in relevant tangible ways. Res 4:1 The Archdiocese to formulate policy and guidelines on environmental awareness	Oct 19 2009	Dec 7 2010	On 23 February 2010, CCSJ launched for consultation A <i>draft framework towards an Environmental Policy for the Archdiocese</i> . A 4-page pull out supplement outlining the Draft Framework was published in Catholic News on 14 March and it has been uploaded on CCSJ's website. The consultation process runs until 30 June, 2010. Further work will be done on the Draft Framework after this date. TCN filmed the proceedings at the Launch and copies are being made available for distribution to parishes for use as a study guide. The film will also form part of CCSJ's resource base.
20	Res 4:3 Organize/encourage participation in events that promote good stewardship of God's creation e.g. turtle watching, reforestation/replanting of trees, beach cleanup etc	Jan 2 2010	Dec 7 2010	In 2009 CCSJ organized 2 Turtle watching trips and wrote articles about stewardship of God's creation. In 2010 parishes were encouraged to take action at local levels. CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator continues to foster the integrity of God's creation as part of CCSJ's plan. CCSJ used its column in Catholic News to encourage parishioners to join Nature Seekers in a beach cleanup in March 2010.
21	Res 4:4: The Archdiocese to take action to promote the Church as a 'green' Church, e.g. by raising awareness of how our daily choices affect the environment; encouraging the faithful to avoid being wasteful, to re-use items where necessary, and to re-cycle.	Jan 2 2010	Dec 7 2010	<i>See 19 above. Also, CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator takes appropriate action to promote this resolution.</i>
23	RESOLUTION #5: Be it resolved that Catholic families, schools and parishes commit themselves to spiritual and moral renewal; and that as Church we seek ways to partner with people of good will in the building of a just and harmonious society: Res 5:2: Educate the People of God in their responsibility for the transformation of society and implement practical projects in each parish to achieve this purpose	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ continues to focus on this issue in its various activities e.g. Seminars, Conferences, Ask Why TV programme, Media Releases, Publications such as CCSJ's Newsletter. CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator includes activities relating to this Resolution in his action plan.

24	Res 5:3 Use the Church's teaching on social justice in homilies	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ continues to upload Fr Joe Harris' (CSSp) excellent homilies on our website to spread the Good News. It is hoped that the training of priests will include a focus on ways in which social justice can be incorporated in homilies.
29	Res #6:3: The Archdiocese to encourage the active involvement of individual Catholics in the Social cultural and political life of the nation. (By membership in Village/Community Councils, Local and National Government) and to encourage Catholics in decision-making positions to allow their decision-making to be influenced/shaped by Catholic tradition and teaching.	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCSJ continues to raise awareness of this issue via our website, articles, public discussions, the media (e.g. see Chair's article in Catholic News dated 18 April – <u>Catholics and Election</u>) - CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator encourages such involvement in his work in parishes.
30	Res 6:4 The Archdiocese to work in collaboration with the relevant Government authority in matters of social justice Continue working with Trinidad and Tobago Reintegration Foundation/Anthony Pantin Reintegration Centre	Jan 2 2010	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ is the Mother Board of TTRF/APRC. The facility is about 75% complete. A fundraising dinner has been arranged to take place on 1 May. Currently, the Chair of TTRF/APRC, Mr Clive Belgrave, is arranging a meeting with an Architect to get an independent opinion about the estimated cost of completing the facility.
	Original budget: \$394,800.00 (To be revised since most of our printing is done free of charge or for a significantly reduced cost and our Project Manager's post is vacant).			