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

Priority	Action/Task	Start Date	Completion	Status Update
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1	RESOLUTION #1a: Be it resolved that the Archdiocese develop a comprehensive strategy to educate the People of God in values and virtuous living, based on the rich tradition of magisterial teaching and theological heritage of the Catholic moral tradition.	Jan 2 2010	TBD	Re Performance indicators: Project Manager was developing system to track, document, analyze and evaluate progress. However, she has resigned. Work in this area has been suspended for the time being. (Completion date was: Feb 1 2010).
	Res 1a:1 Identify performance indicators to inform a system of monitoring and evaluation of all the proposed strategies under this Pastoral Priority			
2	Res 1a:2 Conduct an analysis of factors which have contributed to the decline of values in the society a. Production of baseline study. b. Determine what programmes have worked in society. Determine what more can be done in terms of programmes to address social problems.	Oct 19 2009	Oct 18 2010	CCSJ has been trying to find someone to Chair a Think Tank to implement Synod Res #1a:2 which reads: To conduct, within the period of 1 year, an analysis of factors which have contributed to the decline of values in society: a. Produce a baseline study; b. Determine what programmes have worked in society; c. Determine what more can be done in terms of programmes to address social problems. 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.
3	Res 1a:3	Jan 2 2010	Jun 30 2010	VALUES AND VIRTUES FORMATION PROGRAMME IN RC PRIMARY SCHOOLS
	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			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.
				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 2 nd Edition Students' Workbook that is more student friendly and that reflects our culture. At an evaluation session of the Programme - held in Tunapuna in 2009, Teachers and Principals were invited to volunteer to join this group. 5 persons came forward. Their names are inserted in the inside cover of the Workbook. The Programme comprises 4 modules: Self Awareness, Relationships, Being Responsible, and Balance and Wholeness.
				Hayden Strasser was appointed to deal with the Workbook layout, artwork and typesetting, and to design the cover. His Grace wrote a Foreword for the book and the composer and singer, Derek Fields, who works with Love Movement (he lives in B'dos), granted us permission for us to use his song: Child of God, as the Theme Song for the Programme. The workbook was printed by a very generous Catholic who charged us only \$2 per book. 10,000 were printed to last 2 years.
				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.
				10 Monitors have been appointed to monitor the implementation of the programme in our Primary Schools. A

meeting was held with the Monitors (most of whom undertook this task last year), Vicariate Managers and CEBM representatives. Data collected will assist us in developing the programme.

CCSJ is of the view that this programme should be part of the faith formation of our young people and that it should therefore form part of the work of the Catechetical Team and should commence much earlier than post-SEA. His Grace has agreed to this. Discussions have been held with Sr Juliet and will continue when Sr Columba returns from Sabbatical. CCSJ will still maintain overall responsibility for the programme and since the Catechetical Team is represented on the Archdiocesan Committee that oversees this Programme, there will be close collaboration on developments in the Programme.

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:

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.

Seminar 2: Northern Vicariate: Thurs 20 May, 2010 at Assumption Parish Hall: $6-8.30~\rm pm$: Fr Joseph Harris CSSp. Theme: Why the world needs Christian values and virtues.

Each session will be followed by a Q&A session. It's free of charge. Please help us publicise them. Two further sessions will be held in September (Eastern Vicariate) and November (Southern Vicariate). NB: It should be noted that Msgr Llanos/Family Life Commission Team are preparing a document for circulation. The document will include helpful information for parents/parishioners on values and virtues.

4	Res 1a:4 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	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	Hon Minister Martin Joseph established an Inter-Faith Committee in the latter part of 2009, entitled: A Faith-based approach to crime reduction. 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 me 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 I believe that the group has been disbanded. Msgr Jason has since submitted a proposal to the Hon Minister about a way forward – using a different strategy i.e. suggesting that the Ministry works with faith communities in the 22 districts in which the Ministry is currently involved in
5	Res 1a:5 Use the media to promote the values of the Catholic Church Continue using the media to promote the values of the Catholic Church	Ongoing		a pilot project. (See also Respect for Life Week: priority 12) 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: - Appearances on radio and TV programmes to share the values of the Catholic Church - CCSJ publications: Take-a-Bite series, leaflets, booklets, posters etc. - 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. Note that the Newsletter is printed free of charge by a generous Catholic Printer. RESOURCES listed in Newsletter include: - Ask Why TV programme – DVDs - DVDs of seminars and events - Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church (Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace) \$140

Responses to 101 Questions on Catholic Social Teaching (Kenneth R Himes) \$80 Take a Bite DVD Series 1. Msgr. Jason Gordon - Overview of Social Justice 2. Sr. Diane Jagdeo O.P.- Human Life and Dignity 3. Ms. Leela Ramdeen - Rights and Responsibilities 4. Dr. John Agard - Stewards of God's Creation 5. Fr. Malcolm Rodrigues - Global Solidarity CCSJ's WEBSITE allows us to share our views etc. with others on the World Wide Web. 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. 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. 2010 Mar 25 – CCSJ urges citizens to mark Earth Hour on Saturday 27 March Mar 17 – Archbishop Edward Gilbert launches Values & Virtues Students' Workbook and Teachers' Guide **Feb 17** – Consultation on Draft Archdiocesan Environmental **Policy Jan 18** – Haiti – how we can help

2009:Dec 10:CCSJ message: Give from the heart this Christmas
Other media releases include: World Social Justice Day (20 Feb), UN Human Rights Day – embrace diversity, end discrimination; Combating violence against women; Justice for people with HIV/AIDS; Universal Children's Day – Every child matters; Condemning the torture of a minor in Guyana; Condemning the treatment of Chinese migrant workers in TT.
ASK WHY TV PROGRAMME ON SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES
1. January 27, 2009 Mary King and Gary Tagallie (Leela Ramdeen, Chair, CCSJ – Presenter) FIGHTING POVERTY TO BUILD PEACE
2. February 10, 2009 His Grace and Msgr. Jason Gordon (Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
MOVING FORWARD AFTER SYNOD 3. March 24, 2009 Deborah de Rosia and Fr. Joe Harris
(Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
POPE's LENTEN MESSAGE for 2009
4. April 21, 2009 Students from Holy Faith Convent, Couva (Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
GOING GREEN
5. May 26, 2009 Fr Dwight Merrick, Mike James, Leela Ramdeen
(Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
THE VOCATION TO BE CATHOLIC
6. June 23, 2009

Msgr. Perreira and Fr Joe Harris
(Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
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THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST
7. July 28, 2009
Theresa Best, Marie Gurley
(Leela Ramdeen – Presenter)
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USING OUR VACATION CONSTRUCTIVELY
8. September 22, 2009
Sir Ellis Clarke, Prof. John Spence, Leela Ramdeen,
(Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
REFLECTIONS ON OUR JOURNEY AS A
REPUBLIC
9. October 27, 2009
Beverly Beckles, Gail Oxley, Robert Persaud
(Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
PREPARATION FOR The Commonwealth Heads of Gov't.
Meeting (CHOGM)
10.November 24, 2009
Mary King, Leela Ramdeen
(Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter)
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PARTNERING FOR A MORE EQUITABLE AND
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE (FOCUS ON THE CHOGM
THEME)
11. January 26, 2010
Pope's 2010 Peace Message : IF YOU WANT TO CULTIVATE PEACE, PROTECT CREATION
Msgr. Jason Gordon and Fr. Joe Harris, (Sr Theresa Vialva –
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12. February 23, 2010 : Lenten Theme : THE JUSTICE OF
GOD HAS BEEN MANIFESTED IN FAITH
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
Deacon Mike James and Deacon Derek Walcott, (Sr Theresa
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				Vialva – Presenter)
				13. March 23, 2010: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE Leela Ramdeen, Chair, CCSJ & Wendy Lee Yuen, Agricultural Consultant, (Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter) 14. April 27, 2010: Poverty and social exclusion – with particular reference to the Salybia community. Gary Tagallie, Poverty Reduction Programme, Ministry of Social Development; Natalie Alexis, Education Group, Salybia, Leela Ramdeen, Chair, CCSJ. (Sr Theresa Vialva – Presenter).
6	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 such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are supreme dishonour to the Creator." (n 27, Vatican II document. The Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)). NB: This is the theological foundation for implementation of Resolution #3b re pro-life work. And see Res #5:8	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	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. 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. Since encyclicals are not usually written in parishioner friendly language, CCSJ seeks to raise the awareness of the faithful about the key issues raised in the Holy Father's encyclicals. Therefore, when Charity in Truth was published, CCSJ held a Seminar to discuss the issues contained therein and the implications for the Church in TT. 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. 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

Review/develop outreach programmes to address social justice issues such as those outlined in The Church in the Modern World – work in progress – responding to local, national and international issues: works of mercy and works of social action.

his work in parishes.

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 *Authentic Integral Human Development and Education*.

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.

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.

We also seek to collaborate with our priests. So, for example, I took the opportunity to deliver lunchtime <u>Lenten retreats</u> from 1 – 5 March at Rosary RC Church- at the invitation of Fr Clyde Harvey and on Mon 1 March (evening) in Chaguanas Parish. **Rosary themes:** The New Evangelisation: Catholic Family become what you are; Poverty and social exclusion; Rights and Responsibilities; Peace – in the context of runaway crime in TT; Environmental Justice.

In **Chaguanas** the **theme** was: "I thank you for the Wonder of my Being" – focusing on how the role of the 'prophet' can be lived out in the family so that each family member recognises his/her role and responsibility to live the call to be family.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Archbishop Rivas has asked me to address Youth Coordinators in the 18 AEC Dioceses during their Conference on Social Justice from 20 – 26 July in St Lucia.

Regional work also included our participation at a Justice &

				Peace Seminar held at the Seminary on 12 and 13 Sept 2009. CCSJ was asked to submit a paper on Climate Change to Bishop Lafont to be discussed at the AEC Bishops' Meeting this month in Grenada. Other Dioceses were asked to produce papers on other issues: - J'ca: Racism; - Guyana, Suriname & French Guyana: Youth and the challenges they face in the midst of unemployment, HIV/AIDS, crime and violence and so on; - The Caribbean Conference of Churches: Economic arrangements impacting on integral human development in the Caribbean e.g. addressing concerns about sustainable development of Small Island Developing States in the Caribbean, in light of the Economic Partnership Agreement with the EU. Although specific dioceses have been allocated areas of responsibility above, each diocese, including those that were not represented, were invited to submit reflections on each of the 4 areas by March 2010. CCSJ's paper was submitted to Deacon Mike James for onward transmission to Bishop Lafont and thereafter to the AEC Bishops.
7	Res 1a:7 Develop guidelines to ensure that persons working with the Archdiocese and in Ministry understand the values and virtues of the Catholic Church. This can be used as a guide when hiring individuals or screening persons to lead in Ministry in the Parish	Jan 2 2010	TBD	CCSJ had planned to establish a working group to draft guidelines to be circulated for comments before publication. However, with the departure of our Project Manager, plans to do this have been suspended. (Completion date was: Apr 30 2010).
8 & 9	RESOLUTION #1b: Be it resolved that the Catholic parishes and schools, as well as the Archdiocesan Departments, be responsible for the implementation of the comprehensive strategy of #1a.			Lead Dept.:Catechetical Team

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	Emphasize Praxis in the Catechetical programme in schools and Parishes and encourage and assist teachers to include this as an essential element of their religious formation programme			
	Continue using books produced by the Catechetical team in Catholic primary and secondary schools. These incorporate issues relating to virtues and values. (Catechetical Team)			
	Link to Virtues and Values Formation Programme in Catholic Primary Schools			
10	Res 1b:5	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7, 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator is working to implement this

				resolution in parishes
	Develop an approach to having Catholics in all spheres of life understand the values and virtues of the Catholic Church			CCSJ addresses this Res. in its activities
11	Res 1b:7	Oct 19 2009	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator addresses this Resolution as part of his strategic plan.
	Address parish and community issues with relevant outreach programmes			
	RESOLUTION #2: Be it resolved that the Archdiocese develop a comprehensive strategy for the formation of families as the domestic Church – the first moral community, for the moral and spiritual renewal of Trinidad and Tobago			
	Resolution 2: Lead Department – Family Life Commission			
12	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.			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.
	Res 3a:1 The Archdiocese to dedicate a week every year to the theme of 'respect for life' (see Res #1a:6)			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. The proposed programme for the week includes: ✓ An Interfaith Service,
				 ✓ Masses in celebration of life and for a culture of life to prevail, ✓ An Interfaith panel discussion on the theme: "Promoting a culture of life and integral human development", ✓ A Concert in Celebration of Life and
				✓ An Interfaith Candlelight Procession (around the Queen's Park Savannah – if permission is obtained). 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.

				Respect for Life Week 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. The Planning Committee will produce a pull-out supplement to be published in Catholic News.
13	Res 3a:2 Develop programmes to educate all Catholics in schools and parishes on the Church's teaching on the death penalty, abortion, euthanasia, artificial birth control (and other pro-life issues)	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator is addressing this Resolution in his strategic plan. Discussions are still to be held with the Catechetical Department and with the Episcopal Delegate for Education/CEBM to develop programmes for schools and parishes about these issues.
14	Res 3a:3 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	Linked to Item 12, Res 3a:1	Linked to Item 12, Res 3a:1	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator is addressing this Resolution in his strategic plan. Parishes will be encouraged to focus on this issue particularly during Respect for Life Week
15	RESOLUTION #3b: Be it resolved that 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.	Dec 7 2009	Dec 8 2010	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.
	Res 3b:1 The Archdiocese to promote the teaching of the			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

	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			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. They know that it will not be easy. The team is preparing to come to the Caribbean to work with groups - in clusters (1. D'ca, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenada; 2. J'ca and possibly Belize; 3. TT, B'dos and Antigua). We continue to liaise with Emmanuel Community and other pro-life groups.
16	Res 3b:2 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	Dec 7 2009	Dec 8 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator will develop a programme to implement this Resolution (working with Parish teams). With the departure of the Project Manager, work in this area has been postponed.
	Continue Social Justice 11 Module online social justice course in partnership with CREDI & Univ. of Dayton, USA	Jul 1 2010	Dec 7 2010	Following a discussion with Selwyn Bhajan and Sr Angela Zukowski, UD, CCSJ formed a partnership with CREDI and UD to run a Social Justice online course at UD. The course was advertised and initially 19 persons signed up for Module 1 in 2009. There are 7 Modules: Conscience, Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching, The History of Catholic Social Action, Poverty in the UD and the World, Scripture & Justice, Advanced Catholic Social Teaching, Parish and Social Action. All participants are working full-time and some have found it difficult to continue on the course as the work became more and more demanding. To date there are 11 persons on the course. There have been a number of challenges e.g. we are still hoping that the course will be made relevant to our local situation in TT. UD promises to address this issue. 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.
	Res 3b:3 Develop programmes within the parish to support	Dec 7, 2009	Dec 8 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator will develop a programme to implement this Resolution (working with
17	those young women and men who have chosen life	ĺ		programme to implement this resolution (working with

in difficult circumstances			Parish Cluster teams)
			MARY CARE CENTRE: CCSJ has responsibility for overseeing the work of this Centre (which was founded by Archbishop Anthony Pantin in1980). The Archdiocese has agreed to pass responsibility for the day to day running of the Centre to Eternal Light Community – at a peppercorn rent. Meetings have been held with Deborah de Rosia, ELC, and at the moment 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 Agreement outlines clear areas of responsibility between ELC (the Tenant), and the Archdiocese (Landlord). Velma Jardin, who has been involved in the work of Mary Care from its inception, will continue raising funds for the Centre. The Management Board that has been formed to facilitate
			accountability, comprises: Msgr Jason Gordon, Bernadette Patrick (Finance), and me. Funds that were raised for the centre and currently held in a Bank Account, will be used to establish an investment fund. Interest received will be passed to ELC to assist with the running cost for the Centre. It is hoped that over
			time the Fund will increase from donations so that the interest derived will also increase.
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	
RESOLUTION #4: Be it resolved that in keeping with the Catholic position on Creation, 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 draft framework towards an Environmental Policy for the Archdiocese. The document was launched by His Grace at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Bushe Street, Curepe. Wendy Lee Yuen, Agriculturalist, was the keynote speaker. CCSJ's Chair gave an overview of the draft. The launch was well attended by persons from various parishes in the Archdiocese. Many of those present participated in the Question and Answer session. A COSTATT tutor brought 24 of his students and many of them
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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	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. 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	See 19 above. Also, CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator takes appropriate action to promote this resolution.
22	Res 4:5 Establish an agricultural programme in Catholic Schools and Parishes Identify one or two Parishes that will be willing to establish an agricultural project (CCSJ, CEBM)	Jan 2 2010	TBD	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator is seeking to establish this programme in parishes. However, progress is slow and CCSJ will need to revise the original completion date Mar 31 2010

				CCSJ is still to liaise with CEBM to develop/implement this programme in schools.
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.
25	Res 5:4 Make regular use of Catholic social teachings in lessons and public debates or wherever possible in Catholic schools and parishes and encourage students to incorporate Catholic social teaching in their studies. (Relevant documents to be provided to them)	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	 CCSJ's publications are intended to assist in the implementation of this Resolution. However, the extent to which they are used is unknown. In due course CCSJ will work with CEBM and CAMSEL to devise a plan of action to implement this Resolution as it relates to schools The Parish Link Coordinator addresses this Resolution in his plan of action.
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26	Res 5:8 Educate the faithful on Chapter IV of the Vatican Council 11 document on the Constitution of the Church. This Chapter focuses on the role of the laity in the Church and its mission	Jan 2 2010	TBD	CCSJ continues to be concerned about the underperformance of some of our Catholic Schools, particularly in the Primary Sector. CCSJ's Chair was authorized by His Grace to invite Ms Jennifer Doyle, SSIII, Ministry of Education, to a meeting to present data relating to the Ministry's Performance Enhancement Programme in Primary Schools. His Grace and about 8 other persons in the Archdiocese attended the meeting, including Madam Justice Sealy, who leads the Archdiocese's Education Conversation. Of the 475 primary schools in TT, 139 are consistently underperforming – including 43 RC Primary Schools. The data presented to us by Ms Doyle highlights the need for us to take urgent action to improve the performance of these schools if we are to meet the needs of our children, most of whom are from poor families. The Church has a preferential option for the poor. We can't stand on the sidelines and look on while the life chances of our children are being adversely affected. - CCSJ has focused on this issue in articles in Catholic News, during Lenten Retreats and in presentations at Conferences, Seminars and Workshops - CCSJ is yet to produce a DVD focusing specifically on the role of the laity in the Church and its mission (Deadline was Mar 31, 2010)
27	RESOLUTION #6: Be it resolved that Catholic parishes, in the spirit of solidarity and stewardship, serve the community by promoting and creating opportunities, structures and programmes to achieve social justice. Res #6:1 Parish Priests and all clergy to be made aware of their responsibility to impart the Social Teachings of the Church and to bring social justice values in	Jan 2 2010	TBD	

	their parishes and ministries			CCSJ to work with Vicars and priests to implement this strategy. (Deadline was Mar 31, 2010) CCSJ'S 2010 CALENDAR: YEAR FOR PRIESTS – Was widely distributed. Printed free of charge by a generous
28	Res #6:2 Each parish to establish a data bank of skills and needs and to use the data collected to support its strategies to serve the community.	Jan 2 2010	TBD	Catholic printer. CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator will use existing proforma/template used for Stewardship or prepare appropriate template to facilitate the collection of data. He will use this in parishes to collect data re skills and needs and will use the information to inform his work in parishes and with parish link teams. NB: With the departure of CCSJ's Project Manager, this work has been postponed. (Deadline was Jun 30 2010)
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	 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. There are major challenges faced by us if the facility is to be completed and run effectively. A fundraising dinner has been arranged to take place on 1 May at Skippers Restaurant, Yacht Club, Bayshore. Even if the facility is completed, there is the issue of appointing an appropriate Manager and also identifying running cost for the Centre. These issues are being addressed. 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.
31	Res #6:5	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	- CCSJ encourages/teaches these skills in its

	Encourage and teach networking and partnering skills using existing structures and where necessary creating new ones for the moral renewal of Trinidad and Tobago			activities and is working to prepare appropriate material to support parishes. - The Parish Link Coordinator will use this material in his parish work
32	Res #6:6 Invite rural and urban parishes to engage in twinning arrangements to share time, talent and treasure in the spirit of solidarity.	Dec 8 2009	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator will work with parishes to determine whether such arrangements exist in certain areas already and build on this to produce comprehensive links between all our rural and urban parishes. Currently he is seeking to determine what links exist and the nature of those links
33	Res #6:7: Include the work of Couples for Christ as a strategy for providing and creating opportunities, structures and programmes to achieve social justice	Jan 2 2010	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ will work with Couples for Christ and FLC to draw up a plan and implement this strategy.
34	Res #6:8 Create awareness of apprenticeship programmes, cottage industries and other programmes to meet the needs of marginalized persons in challenged areas and encourage parishioners to take advantage of them and support them	Jan 2 2010	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator will devise/implement strategies to - collect data on programmes that exist - develop parishioners' awareness of programmes that exist - encourage parishioners to take advantage of them - support parishioners who participate in these programmes
35	Res #6:9 Parishes to be sensitive to the needs of carers of disabled, very young, aged, persons who are ill and encourage parishioners to support them in practical ways.	Jan 2 2010	Dec 7 2010	CCSJ's Parish Link Coordinator will devise/implement strategies to: - collect data on carers in each parish - produce material e.g. articles, DVD, leaflets for

	distribution in parishes re - address this issue in his w parish link teams • Work in this area has been s departure of CCSJ's Project	ork in parishes and with
RESOLUTION #7: Be it resolved that Catholics be educated and advised concerning matters of respect, reverence and modesty in dress and conduct at all times, particularly during Mass, other religious occasions and parish events. NB: Res. 7 will be achieved if all the above are		
achieved.		
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).		