

Building Up CLC-USA National Ministries

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37

The *Cura Personalis Program (CP)* is now reaching hundreds and thousands of young people in colleges, and the good news is that the CP program is fully funded for this year. But “the harvest is plentiful” in many other areas of life in the Church, and the needs are great in many areas of our world today. As an apostolic body we need to train more “workers” for these other areas of the “harvest” and we need to have a way to support our ministries. And so this year we are proposing a special focus for our national ministry efforts, and a CLC-USA ‘National Program Fund’.

Lightworks Ministry: Connecting Peoples’ Hearts to Christ

At the very core of social injustice is the lack of Christ’s presence. On three occasions Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI have invited the Church to develop a deeper relationship with God through prayer by way of *Lectio Divina*. At the international congress on “Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church” in 2005, Pope Benedict said: *If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church – I am convinced of it – a new spiritual springtime.* **Lightworks** is a 14-week Ignatian home retreat program with weekly group reflection focused on coming to know Christ through prayer. First introduced in 2000 through ĐHCLC, increasingly in the last three years people within the CLC community and beyond have found through **Lightworks** a new “springtime” in their relationship with God. Our present goal is to organize two training sessions during 2011–2012 for those who feel called to this ministry. A contribution to the National Program Fund will help cover the participants’ travel and lodging expenses in these training sessions. Supporting this Ignatian formation program will be one effective way for our CLC community to personally bring the news of Christ to peoples’ hearts.

Marriage Renewal Workshop: Strengthening the Nucleus of Society

Marriage is the nucleus of society, and it is under increasing strain. The Bishops have urged the Church to become “a community of hope and help for marriages and to join others in building a culture of marriage.” Since 2006 ĐHCLC has offered an Ignatian-based program called **Marriage Renewal Workshop** which has made a great impact in renewing and strengthening the marriages of participants. Yet we want **MRW** to be even far more reaching. This September the program will be offered in English in Southern California, and our goal is to send at least 6 couples to be trained during this workshop in order to bring the **MRW** program to a wider group of people in English and Spanish and Korean. Your support will help cover travel and accommodations for the couples being trained. And please also consider becoming trained in this ministry.

S.E.E.D. – Spirituality for Children

S.E.E.D. is the acronym for Search, Embark, Experience and Develop – an Ignatian weekend retreat program for children ages from 8 to 15, accompanied by their parents, to find God in all things. It is actually a program for parents and children to find God together in all things, a way to unite parents and children into one family for Christ that will leave great impact on society. We need funds to cover the costs of training “workers” to organize **S.E.E.D.** programs across the USA. Our goal this year is to train 10 facilitators to bring the **S.E.E.D.** program to the regions and KCLC communities, to support the quality of family life in your community or your parish.

Formation for Mission: Strategizing communal apostolic actions

We want to bring the Apostolic Action Team together with other CLC leaders to assist the CLC-USA national community in **discerning and planning priorities for communal apostolic actions**. Budget constraints have kept our apostolic action planning mainly to teleconferences and emails. We want to fund the planning meetings and a major gathering in which Our Way of Proceeding – DSSE – can guide a process of discerning, planning and implementing strategies for apostolic actions engaged in, not just by a few of us, but together as a national community.



Supporting our Mission

God is working through all of us in numerous and diverse ways, and we are called exactly where we are at this time. For some time we have been looking for services that could take our national community into more visible ways of apostolic witness and service.

We believe that these four programs can bring together our diverse gifts to better serve others, true to our CLC Charism, and to be a better witness in the Church.

We appreciate your generosity not only in a financial contribution, but in your prayer and by participation in serving others where God has already laid the groundwork.

We invite and need you to be part of these apostolic initiatives. With just \$10 each from each of us, we can build up a fund of \$20,000 or more, enough to train at least 20 or 30 “workers” for the “plentiful harvest.”

You can contribute on-line at:
http://clc-usa.org/donate/donation_npf.htm

Or you can send a check for

\$5 \$10 \$15

or more _____

to the CLC-USA office at 3601 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

On the check or in a note, let us know that your contribution is for the “National Program Fund” – and also if you would like more information about one or more of these programs.