



2008 Annual Report



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## Message from CLINIC's Executive Director & Board Chairman

Our nation has always benefited from the pioneering spirit, the aspirations, and the industriousness of immigrants. Generation after generation of immigrants have revitalized America. Despite this remarkable history, today we hear voices opposed to immigrants. At the same time we see an immigration system that is out-dated and sorely in need of reform. Countless millions of immigrants seeking the American dream and hoping to contribute in meaningful ways must live in the shadows of our society. They suffer the misdirected anger and frustration swelling within many Americans. Meanwhile, our elected leaders avoid the politically difficult task of reforming our nation's laws. Considering the state of immigration in our country today, it is hard not to feel discouraged and pessimistic.

On the other hand, signs of hope abound. People of faith, human rights advocates, leaders in labor and business, as well as many others of goodwill continue to promote just laws and immigration policies that are responsive to today's realities. We are heartened by the President's signal to address immigration reforms and to change the tone of the debate.

CLINIC and the hundreds of affiliated legal services agencies around the country remain absolutely committed to **Creating Hope and Serving our Neighbors**. Day in and day out this network of professionals and volunteers extend a welcoming hand. They offer reason to hope to hundreds of thousands of our newest neighbors.

As the Church's agency for assisting immigrants in their efforts to integrate and move toward full participation in their adopted land,

CLINIC is challenged as never before to raise its voice in defense of the immigrant. With generous support from individuals and organizations, the agency continues to offer services and support that reflect the spirit of hospitality required of us by the faith that grounds our mission.

We hope that as you read the stories in the pages that follow you will come to appreciate the important role the Church plays in ensuring that immigrants are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

In a special way we wish to thank the many women and men of local immigration services programs. Their commitment to creating hope and serving our newest neighbors provides inspiration to us all. Our commitment to support and serve that network is stronger than ever. We wish, also, to acknowledge the dedicated, compassionate, and professional service of CLINIC's remarkable staff, without whom our mission could not be accomplished.

We pray that all people of goodwill and of all faiths will take strength in knowing that together we can move toward a brighter future, one in which the stranger will be welcomed as God intended and the light of hope will shine for each of God's children in this country.

Mark Franken  
Executive Director  
CLINIC

Most Rev. Jaime Soto  
Bishop of Sacramento  
Chairman  
CLINIC Board of Directors

## Dedication

*Visionary, humble, and committed.*

*When former colleagues, friends, and staff are asked to describe Donald Kerwin these three words are a running theme in each response. This year, CLINIC dedicates its annual report to its longest-serving executive director. It is a fitting tribute to someone that believes in creating hope, building communities, and offering service to our brothers and sisters.*



When Don, as he is more commonly known, arrived at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) in 1992 it was a small network of loosely connected immigration legal services programs. Already four years old, the organization was envisioned as a resource for diocesan immigration programs by its founder Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn. Don would transform that vision into a reality.

Faithful to CLINIC's mission, Don built the nation's largest network of charitable immigration programs. With his steadfast leadership, shrewd negotiation skills, and solid dedication he expanded CLINIC's services to Catholic and non-Catholic agencies in an effort to increase the availability of legal immigration services to poor and vulnerable immigrants.



▲ Former Executive Director Donald Kerwin and CLINIC section directors, from left, Molly McKenna, Mirna Torres, Izzy Menchero, Anne Marie Gibbons and Jeff Chenoweth.



“The original vision for CLINIC has been many times expanded and perfected under Don Kerwin’s leadership,” said Bishop DiMarzio. “He has brought it to a level of functioning that was never imagined at its very beginning. He fulfills the Biblical injunction that ‘one sows and another reaps.’ Clearly, Don has brought about an abundant harvest of good works in the name of the Church for the benefit of somebody in need.”

Don served as executive director of CLINIC for 15 years, propelling CLINIC into the national spotlight as the premier legal skills trainer to charitable immigration programs, particularly Catholic diocesan immigration programs. Don grew the network from 17 immigration programs to more than 170. CLINIC also became an authority on best practices in immigration program management.

He resigned in October 2008 to take up a position with an immigration policy organization in Washington D.C. At CLINIC and in the immigration services field Don is fondly remembered as a faithful and dedicated colleague as well as innovative leader.

At CLINIC, Don demonstrated acute knowledge of immigration law and an unwavering commitment to social justice. Don arrived at CLINIC to manage a project that spearheaded the Catholic Church’s response to Haitians fleeing persecution during the early 1990s. One year later he was selected to serve as executive director.

Don’s dedication to expanding legal services to vulnerable and low-income immigrants inspired several CLINIC projects and collaborations. For instance, in 1995, CLINIC piloted the nation’s first group naturalization workshops. That same year, CLINIC also launched its Immigration Management Project, a program geared at improving the skills and delivery service capacity of nonprofit immigration legal services providers. Since its launch, the project has trained hundreds of directors and staff on best practices in immigration program management.

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Don was also acutely aware of changes in the needs of the immigrant-rights community and poised CLINIC to respond.

In 2006 following the

devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana and Mississippi, CLINIC created the Gulf Coast Immigration and Detention Project. The project offers various levels of support to immigration programs in that area.

In a further commitment to detained immigrants, Don established the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Pro Bono Project which secures voluntary representation for individuals in and out of detention that face government appeals or wish to appeal decisions from Immigration Judges. Don also established CLINIC as a spring board for young immigration attorneys who were selected as detention fellows and worked in CLINIC's offices in Los Angeles, New Orleans, Boston, and El Paso.

With Don at the helm, CLINIC became a leader in the immigration legal services field. When detention of immigrants by the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) drastically increased, CLINIC partnered with two other national organizations to create the Detention Watch Network,

a coalition of community and nonprofit organizations that advocate for humane immigration and detention policy. CLINIC also is a founding member of the Capital Area Immigrants Rights coalition (CAIR) and the *Justice for Immigrants* campaign.

Bishop Jaime Soto, chairman of CLINIC's board of directors, described Don as:

“Instrumental to creating a robust, dynamic network of immigration providers that demonstrates concretely the solidarity of the Catholic community to the immigrant and refugee.”

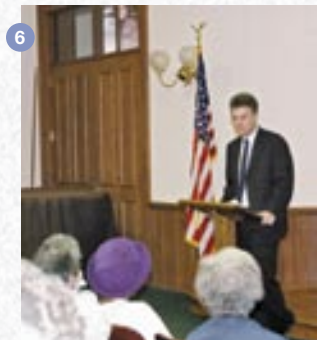
“Don Kerwin is a vigilant and vigorous advocate for immigrants. The Gospel's call to receive the stranger as one welcomes Christ is part of the fabric of his soul.”

Don is also a renowned voice on Catholic social teaching and immigration. In numerous presentations across the country, he consistently emphasizes the responsibility of people of faith to act on the Gospel's message and Catholic teachings to promote just laws and policies. Don believes in the dignity of the person and the right of all to a quality of life and opportunity to provide for his or her family, and his work reflects that.

For his continued commitment to immigrants and the dignity of the person, CLINIC dedicates its 2008 Annual Report to Donald Kerwin.



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## Mission Statement

To enhance and expand delivery of legal services to indigent and low-income immigrants principally through diocesan immigration programs and to meet the immigration needs identified by the Catholic Church in the United States.

## About Us

CLINIC, a subsidiary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), constitutes one expression of the Church's ministry to newcomers to the United States. CLINIC provides training and comprehensive support services to more than 175 diocesan immigration programs that operate out of 290 field offices in 48 states. CLINIC directly serves immigrant detainees and foreign-born religious workers seeking to immigrate. It also manages projects focused on citizenship and provides legal and program management support to diocesan immigration programs, other community-based organizations, labor groups, and anti-domestic violence and human trafficking programs.

The organization advocates for just and humane immigration policies at the national level and has a network that employs approximately 1,200 attorneys, “accredited” representatives, and paralegals who, in turn, serve 600,000 low-income immigrants each year.



Former staff, volunteers, and affiliate agency staff are recognized by CLINIC at its 20th anniversary celebration.



*Celebrating 20  
Years of Service*  
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## CLINIC 20th Anniversary

For the past two decades, CLINIC has been leading the way in training and supporting nonprofit immigration programs. Since its founding in 1988, the reach of CLINIC and its network has been expanding. CLINIC celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a special reception during the National Migration Conference. The event was attended by over 200 individuals including current board chairman Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento, past board chairs, former staff and volunteers as well as other Church officials.



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## Citizenship & Immigrant Integration

More than eight million lawful permanent residents are eligible for naturalization. CLINIC works to improve naturalization services to refugees to increase their civic participation and help to further their integration into U.S. society.



## Building Communities

CLINIC operates a number of projects that aim to strengthen the immigrant rights-serving community. Its Center for Citizenship and Immigrant Communities helps charitable immigration programs expand their capacity and establish a coordinated service-delivery and legal support structure as well as offer assistance on citizenship and integration to refugee serving organizations. Among the services that CLINIC offers are a referral line for asylees and a project that supports organizations serving victims of domestic violence.





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## Asylee Information & Referral Line

Each year, approximately 25,000 people from over 100 nations are granted asylum in the United States. Most confront many systemic and bureaucratic barriers to resettlement and integration and need well-coordinated and prompt social services to ease their transition.

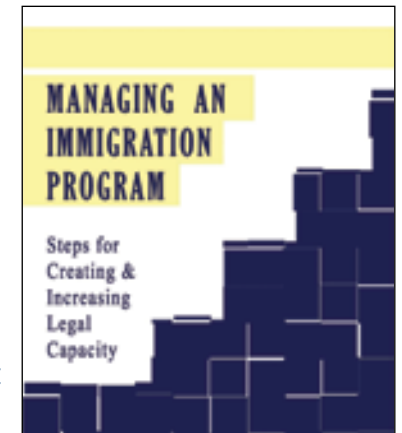
CLINIC's *National Asylee Information and Referral Line* refers asylees to more than 500 local providers of resettlement services such as English language classes, employment training, and job placement, as well as health care. Funded by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), the referral line provides a single, centralized source of accurate information in 19 languages about service eligibility and programs across the country that assist asylees with the resources they need for a smooth adjustment and early self-sufficiency. It serves over 25,000 asylees.

## Immigration Management Project

CLINIC is preparing the Catholic Church in the United States—in partnership with faith-based and other pro-immigrant networks—to implement a broad legalization program for the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants when immigration reform ultimately passes.

CLINIC established the *Immigration Management Project* (IMP) to provide trainings in program management, advocacy, and fundraising to nonprofit immigration programs. CLINIC works directly with executive and immigration program directors to share best practices that help local providers meet immigrants' needs. CLINIC also provides specialized trainings on how to obtain Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) agency recognition and staff accreditation.

**Forty-six percent of all BIA accredited representatives belong to agencies that CLINIC has assisted or partnered with.**





## case highlight

Fifteen-year old Johny wanted to find his family. His mother left Honduras when he was young. Johny was at a serious risk for homelessness as the two elderly relatives with whom he lived were ailing. In hopes of finding his mother's family, Johny began the treacherous journey to the United States. He was apprehended by Border Patrol and placed in the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Los Angeles. His mother died before he got to see her. CLINIC attorneys learned about Johny's case during a visit to the juvenile hall. Through CLINIC he was referred to a pro bono attorney that filed for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for which Johny was approved.

### LETTER FROM JOHNY:

*Dear CLINIC,*

*My name is Johny and I was one of your clients in Los Angeles. I was in Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. I was one of many youth that had immigrated. I would like to take this chance to thank you for all the hard work that you did for me. I am very thankful to CLINIC. I think you guys are doing a great job. Thanks to you I am now in college, this is my second year and I am getting ready to transfer to a university. I am doing well this semester. I also work as a youth advocate and I live with a wonderful family. I am really grateful that you took my case.*

*Thank you!*



## Defending the Most Vulnerable

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### VAWA Immigration Project

Foreign-born women are more likely to stay in abusive relationships if they rely on being married to a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

to legalize their immigration status. Without this status, undocumented women cannot legally work or become economically independent. These women are often trapped in violent relationships because they fear deportation, separation from their children, and impoverishment. Too often, their plight is unseen, unheard, and unresolved.

CLINIC works with local partner organizations to enhance and expand legal immigration services capacity to help immigrant survivors of domestic violence and victims of trafficking and enslavement.



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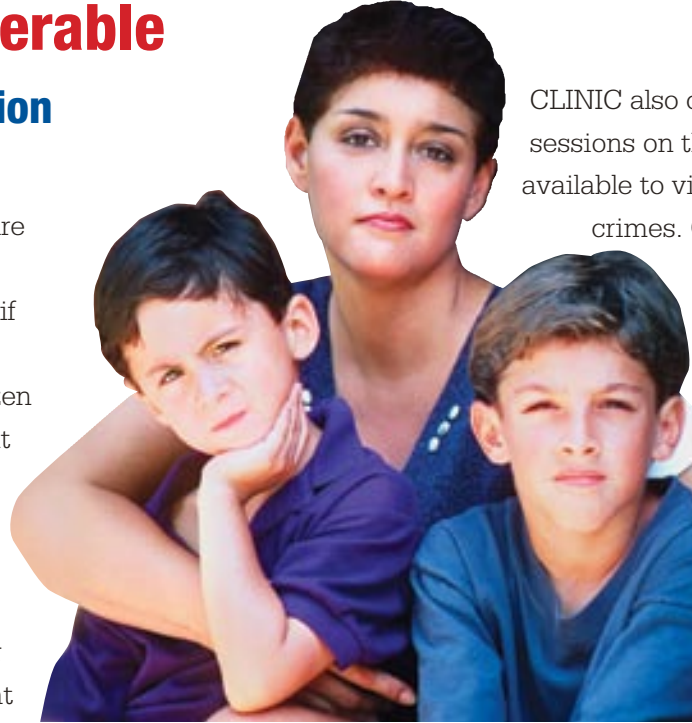


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CLINIC also offers advocate training sessions on the types of immigration relief available to victims of abuse and other crimes. CLINIC provides direct technical assistance to Catholic Charities' offices that represent victims of crime.

There are a number of legal options that these victims can pursue under the Violence against Women Act (VAWA), the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

CLINIC recognizes the needs of these populations and works to meet their needs through advocacy with federal immigration authorities, publications, trainings, and national workshops.

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## Immigrant Workers' Justice Project

CLINIC's Immigrant Workers' Justice Project focuses on issues that affect low-wage immigrant workers around the country. In 2008, the two issues that took precedence: expansion of worksite enforcement actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and attempts to expand verification systems in the workplace by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).



CLINIC provides technical advice and legal assistance on employment related issues such as Individual Tax Identification Numbers, correction to Social Security Administration earning statements, and state driver's license requirements. The Immigrant Workers' Justice Project also collaborates with national immigrant rights organizations and unions to promote justice in the workplace for low-wage immigrant workers.

## Gulf Coast Immigration & Detention Project

The effects of Hurricane Katrina and other recent major storms are still obvious in the Gulf Coast region. Most affected are the poor, including many immigrants. CLINIC created the Gulf Coast Immigration Project in 2006 to increase the availability of charitable legal immigration services in Louisiana and Mississippi. In recent years, the project has expanded to include detention work such as conducting Know Your Rights presentations at detention facilities and offering legal representation to detainees.

During 2008, CLINIC solicited and coordinated legal assistance for more than 100 immigrants, mostly working mothers, captured in a raid at Howard Industries in Laurel, Mississippi on August 25. CLINIC also applied for relief for immigrants and represented 65 individuals that were arrested in ICE worksite raids.



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## case highlight

### Caught in an ICE Raid

Rosario\* and her husband, Carlos\* came to the United States in 1997 from a small rural town in Guatemala. The couple lived in Houston for a few years and then decided to move to Laurel, MS in search of better employment opportunities. Carlos moved to Laurel while Rosario and their two children remained in Houston for a few months to care for their son who had developed chronic asthma. One day on a visit to his family, Carlos was stopped for a traffic violation and arrested. He was placed in detention for a few months and then deported to Guatemala. Alone with two young children, Rosario moved to Laurel to find work. She found a job at Howard Industries where she worked for four years. On August 25, the plant was raided by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Rosario was one of almost 600 employees that were arrested by ICE in one of its largest worksite enforcement action. The single mother is represented by CLINIC, and is being helped with her case to remain in the United States with her children.

\*Names have been changed to protect the individuals' identity.

CLINIC's services in detention facilities are absolutely essential to immigration detainees. Without access to appointed counsel, most detainees have no source of information about what will happen in Immigration Court and are unaware if they have grounds to



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fight deportation or that volunteer legal services may be available to them. A total of 850 detained persons were provided information and more than 700 attended Know Your Rights presentations conducted by CLINIC. Another 325 individuals were given individual consultations by CLINIC in 2008.



## Pro Bono Development

Participating in the BIA Pro Bono Project gave me an opportunity to expand my legal research and writing skills and present legal arguments in a challenging new forum. My success before the Board marked my first immigration law “victory,” and despite never having met my client, I was thrilled to bring a happy resolution to his case.

**Karlie Dunsky**  
*Student Attorney*  
*George Washington Immigration Clinic*  
*George Washington University*

CLINIC’s Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Pro Bono Project secures pro bono representation for asylum-seekers, minors, and persons in and out of detention who received favorable decisions from an Immigration Judge but face subsequent



**From left:** Ben Ford, Alistair Newbern, Erin Carter, and Tory Lewis of the Vanderbilt University Appellate Litigation Clinic in the School of Law prepare to send off a brief on behalf of a CLINIC BIA Pro Bono Project client.

government appeals or wish to appeal their case. CLINIC works with more than 400 volunteers, including students from law school immigration and appellate litigation clinics. These attorneys and law schools provide representation for individuals who would otherwise have lacked representation.

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## Success at the Supreme Court

During 2008, the case of a former CLINIC client, whose asylum case was referred to pro bono counsel, was heard before the Supreme Court on November 5th. The petitioner Mr. Daniel Girmai Negusie at his initial immigration asylum hearing before the BIA was represented by CLINIC. Before the BIA, the Immigration Judge found that Mr. Negusie met the statutory criteria to receive asylum. However, the judge also ruled that he was ineligible for the relief because he served as a prison guard for the Eritrean government. The judge’s decision was appealed. In March 2009, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Mr. Negusie and reversed the Fifth Circuit’s appellate court decision and sent the case back to the BIA to interpret the statute.

## Raids Preparedness & Response



During a CLINIC raids response training in Omaha, NE, attendants conducted a prayer vigil to show solidarity with immigrants captured in ICE raids and in support for comprehensive immigration reform.

The 2008 increase in the number of enforcement actions by ICE that targeted the undocumented prompted the creation of the Raids Preparedness

and Response Project. It aims to equip CLINIC affiliates to prepare and respond to raids and other enforcement actions by ICE. Under the project, CLINIC conducts trainings and organizes workshops. It has also published several manuals.

In addition, CLINIC has looked for opportunities to reach out to public defender associations to discuss



Individuals attend a CLINIC raids training

the immigration consequences of being convicted of a crime in light of ICE's increased enforcement actions and its growing practice to issue criminal charges against immigrants.

## Seeking Inclusion

### Advocacy

CLINIC participates in national meetings with the leadership of DHS enforcement agencies. CLINIC also meets with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Headquarters regularly to bring to its attention issues that face CLINIC's network, including systemic application and petition

processing delays that arise at USCIS filing centers and local district offices.

In addition, CLINIC regularly writes comments on federal rules and regulations and files letters to DHS officials to address issues of concern.

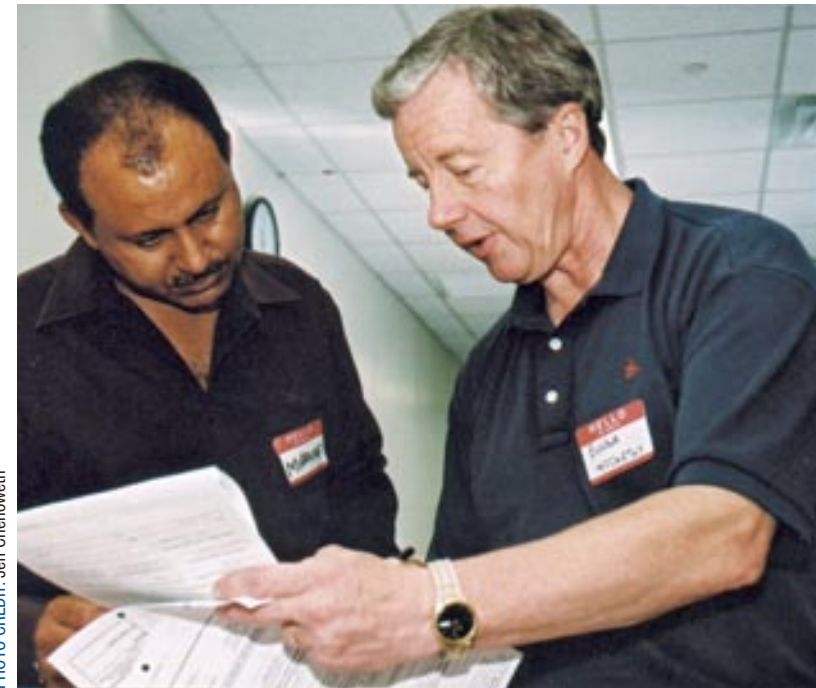


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## case highlight



In 2008, CLINIC’s Center for Immigrant Rights assisted an attorney from Catholic Charities of New York with a complicated family-based immigration case. In this case, the petitioner, a lawful permanent resident, filed an immigrant visa petition for her daughter, Ms. Ramirez\*, in the early 1990s. Although the visa petition was approved in 1991, no visa number was available, and Ms. Ramirez faced a multi-year wait before one would be available.

Complicating matters, the petitioner died shortly after the visa approval. Generally, when an immigrant visa petitioner dies prior to the time that a visa number has been allotted, the petition is no longer valid. However, under certain compelling circumstances, the law provides for the humanitarian reinstatement of such petitions. Prior to seeking counsel from Catholic Charities, Ms. Ramirez made dozens of inquiries with USCIS about the status of her case, but received no answers and no direction from USCIS. Ultimately, she was placed into removal proceedings. Ms. Ramirez sought assistance from an attorney at Catholic Charities who determined that she qualified for humanitarian reinstatement and filed such a request with USCIS in 2007. A year and a half later, the reinstatement request remained pending with USCIS. After making several unsuccessful inquiries to USCIS about the status of the reinstatement request, Ms. Ramirez’s attorney contacted CLINIC for help. After multiple phone calls to USCIS supervisors and officials, CLINIC was able to convince USCIS to expeditiously adjudicate the reinstatement request. Because this action was taken by USCIS, the Immigration Court will allow Ms. Ramirez to remain in the United States to apply for her green card, a result which would not have been possible before CLINIC’s intervention.

\*Names have been changed to protect the individuals’ identity.

## State and Local Enforcement

After the 2007 collapse of comprehensive immigration reform, there was a dramatic increase in anti-immigrant measures proposed and implemented at the state and local levels. CLINIC launched its State/Local Project to support the work of local advocates battling these proposals. Through the project, CLINIC prepared analyses of state legislation and local ordinances, developed talking points, and conducted research for advocates.

“I used the resources CLINIC provided to prepare my testimony. The analysis was excellent, detailed with references for further research. I also appreciated the timeliness of CLINIC’s response; during our fast-paced legislative session, getting prompt responses to my questions was invaluable.”

*Patrick Delahanty, Associate Director of the Kentucky Catholic Conference*

“CLINIC’s help was invaluable. We couldn’t have had that success without the resources they provided.”

*Rob Tasman, associate director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops*



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Individuals listen attentively to speakers at a CLINIC training.

## Expanding Legal Services

### Immigration Law Training

Training advocates and practitioners continues to be one of CLINIC’s most important activities. Its National Legal Center for Immigrants coordinates with local, regional, and national organizations to conduct trainings and presentations on immigration law.

In 2008, CLINIC’s multi-day trainings drew a combined attendance of 5,027 persons.

CLINIC conducts multi-day trainings on substantive immigration law topics such as family-based immigration, citizenship, relief from removal, religious-based immigration, and the impact of criminal activity. It also offers weekly web-based seminars (webinars).

### Attorney-of-the-Day Hotline

The Attorney-of-the-Day Hotline is a toll-free number available to CLINIC members in need of immediate access to assistance on their cases. It is staffed by immigration law experts. Inquiries to the hotline involve both substantive legal questions and requests for practical advice on effective strategies in representing clients.

### Immigration Advocates Network (IAN)

The Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) was launched in 2008 as a partnership between CLINIC and 10 other leading immigrant rights organizations. IAN was established as an online resource for nonprofit immigration advocates and has become a popular online reference tool for advocates and service providers. Since its launch, IAN has offered membership to 3,200 members.



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## Publications and Newsletters

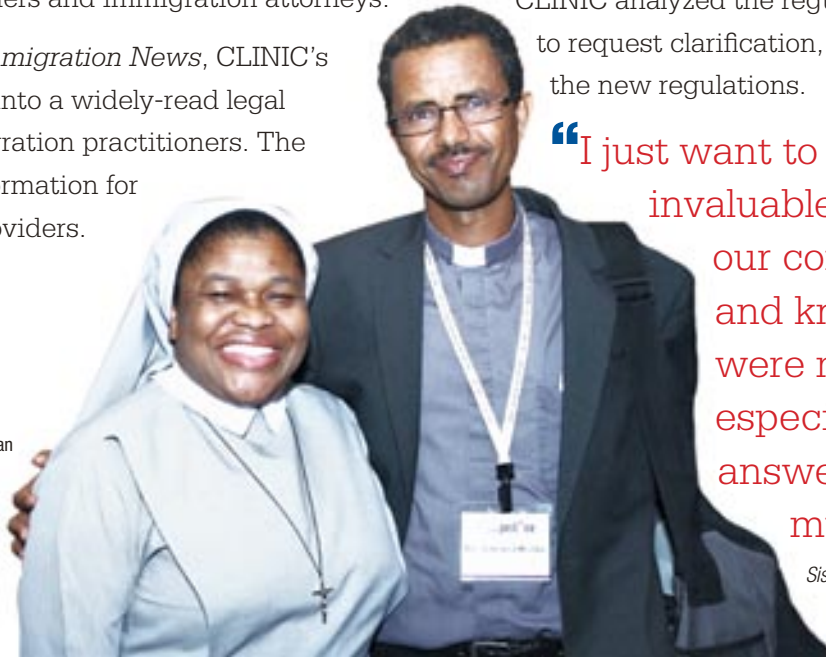
Each year CLINIC produces training manuals, handbooks, position papers, and journal articles.

The publications include information about immigration laws and regulations impacting immigrants and ways to better serve them.

CLINIC has seven substantive immigration law manuals that are commonly used by service providers and immigration attorneys.

In addition, the *Catholic Legal Immigration News*, CLINIC's monthly newsletter, has evolved into a widely-read legal reference tool for diocesan immigration practitioners. The newsletter provides practical information for nonprofit immigration service providers.

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## Serving Those Who Serve

CLINIC's Center for Religious Immigration and Protection provides direct legal representation to Catholic dioceses and religious communities that bring priests, brothers, sisters, seminarians, and lay men and women to the United States to work for the Church. The Center represents more than 250 archdioceses, dioceses, and religious communities.

The center faced significant challenges in 2008 as it awaited new religious worker immigration regulations from USCIS. The new regulations, announced in November, changed the way in which dioceses and religious communities sponsor foreign born priests, sisters, brothers, and other religious workers.

CLINIC analyzed the regulations, met with USCIS officials to request clarification, and suggested interpretation of the new regulations.

“I just want to thank you for your invaluable assistance on behalf of our congregation. Your patience and knowledgeable expertise were much appreciated, especially your willingness to answer questions and unravel my confusion.”

Sister M. Barbara Ann Bosch, CSSF, Felician Sisters



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**From left:** American Immigration Lawyers Association President Charles Kuck; Lisa Powell, Chief Investigative Counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management; Stewart Baker, assistant secretary for policy at DHS and Andrew Schoenholtz, deputy director for Georgetown’s Institute for the Study of International Migration.

## In the Spotlight

CLINIC promotes changes to current U.S. immigration policy and procedures using a variety of public advocacy and media tools. CLINIC also promotes Catholic social teaching regarding immigrants and the role of this teaching in the public policy sphere through presentations and workshops, in addition to its collaborative work with partner agencies to develop educational tools.

## Law & Policy Conference

CLINIC cosponsored the fifth annual immigration law and policy conference in partnership with the Migration Policy Institute and Georgetown University Law Center. This conference has proven an excellent vehicle for bringing the concerns of CLINIC and its member agencies to a more policy-oriented audience. The 2008

conference focused on immigration challenges that the new administration would inherit, including citizenship backlogs, the devolution of immigration policy to the state and local level, and the current state of the DHS.

## Annual Convening

The 2008 National Migration Conference was cosponsored by CLINIC and the Migration and Refugee Services/USCCB. The conference was held in Washington, DC under the theme “Renewing Hope, Seeking Justice.” Over 800 individuals attended, including representatives from the CLINIC and MRS/USCCB networks, government and non-government partner agencies, and Church officials.

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) and New York University Professor Marcelo Suarez-Orozco address attendees at the 2008 National Migration Conference.

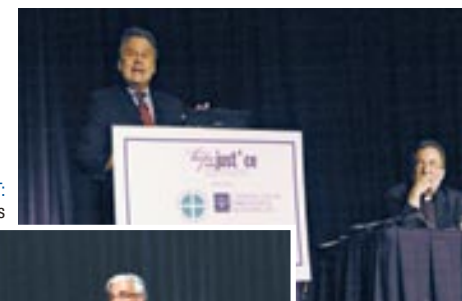


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## Coalitions

### Justice for Immigrants Campaign

*Justice for Immigrants* (JFI) is the Catholic Church’s nationwide campaign designed to educate and foster goodwill toward immigrants among Catholics and others, and to mobilize Catholic networks toward achieving comprehensive immigration legislative and policy reforms. CLINIC is a founding member of the campaign. CLINIC is committed to mobilizing a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of good faith in support of the bishops’ policy positions on immigration. Necessary elements of reform as identified under the campaign are:

- ★ An “earned” legalization program;
- ★ Expanded opportunities for legal entry for work and reuniting family members; and
- ★ Establishment of an appropriate temporary workers program.



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### Detention Watch Network

CLINIC and two partner national agencies founded the Detention Watch Network (DWN) in 1997 in response to the rapid growth of the U.S. immigration detention system. Over the past decade, DWN has grown to include more than 100 religious, civil rights, immigrant advocacy, and human rights organizations. Current DWN members include individuals and organizations that provide legal, social, health, and pastoral services to immigrants, as well as community organizers.



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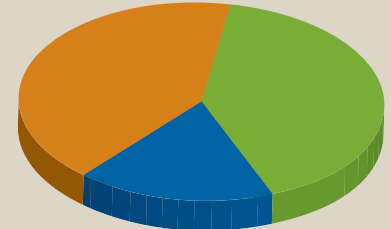
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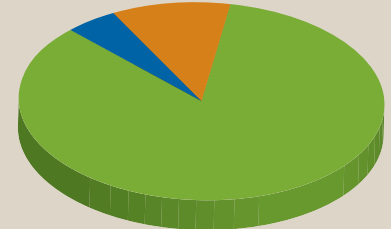
REVENUE, GRANTS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	
Catholic Relief Services Collection/USCCB	\$ 2,174,397
Grants & Awards	\$ 2,164,137
Other Revenue and Support	\$ 922,516
<b>TOTAL REVENUE, GRANTS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 5,261,050</b>
EXPENSES	
Programs	\$ 4,465,785
Management and general	\$ 548,939
Fundraising and development	\$ 247,031
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,261,755</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 3,795,737</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$3,795,032</b>

### REVENUE



- Catholic Relief Services Collection..... 2,174,397
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### EXPENSES

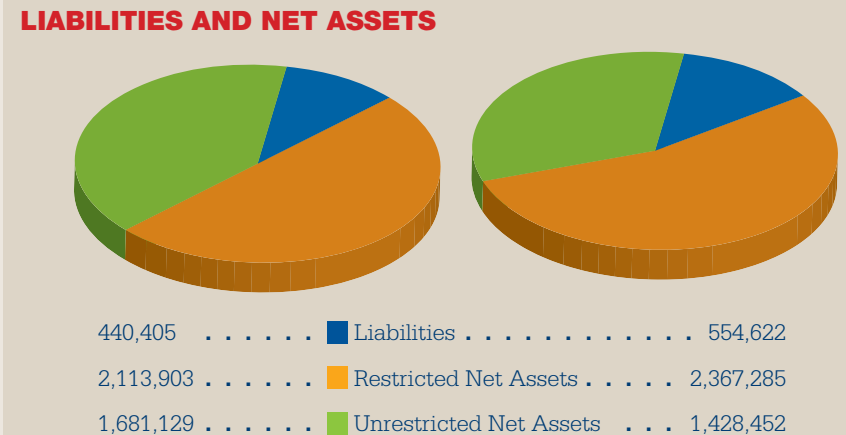
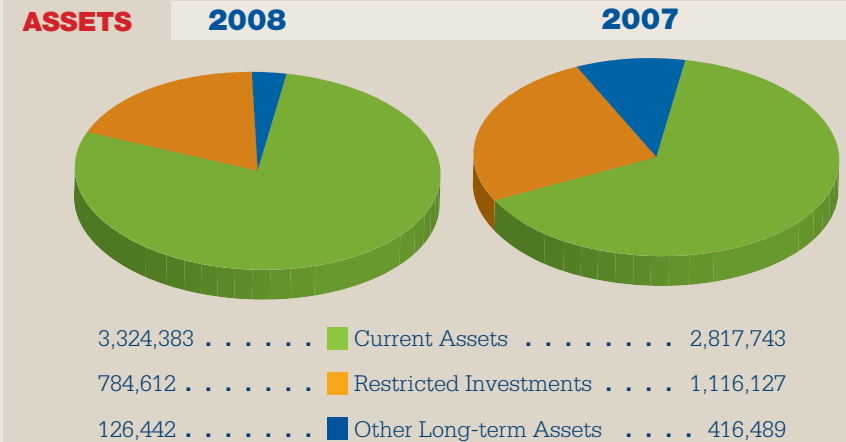


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ASSETS	2008	2007
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash, cash equivalents and certificates of deposits	\$ 2,304,579	\$ 1,591,573
Receivables	\$ 919,862	\$ 1,206,061
Other assets	\$ 99,942	\$ 20,109
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 3,324,383</b>	<b>\$ 2,817,743</b>
<b>RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 784,612</b>	<b>\$ 1,116,127</b>
<b>OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 126,442</b>	<b>\$ 416,489</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,235,437</b>	<b>\$ 4,350,359</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities	\$ 290,559	\$ 408,466
Other liabilities	\$ 149,846	\$ 146,156
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 440,405</b>	<b>\$ 554,622</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Temporarily restricted	\$ 2,113,903	\$ 2,367,285
Total unrestricted	\$ 1,681,129	\$ 1,428,452
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 3,795,032</b>	<b>\$ 3,795,737</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,235,437</b>	<b>\$ 4,350,359</b>





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Immigration Legal Services and  
Human Trafficking Program  
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**Medical Mission Sisters – Eastern North  
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Philadelphia, PA

**Catholic Social Services of Scranton**

Immigration & Refugee Services  
Scranton, PA

**Diocese of Providence**

Immigration & Refugee Services  
Providence, RI

**Hispanic Office of Legal  
Assistance (HOLA)**

Hilton Head, SC

**Catholic Charities of Charleston**

Immigration Services - Mt. Pleasant  
Office  
Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**

Caminando Juntos  
Sioux Falls, SD

**Catholic Charities of East  
Tennessee Inc.**

Office of Immigrant Services  
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Refugee & Immigration Services  
Memphis, TN

**Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc.**

Immigration Services  
Nashville, TN

**Catholic Family Services**

Refugee Resettlement Services  
Amarillo, TX

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Immigration Legal Services  
Austin, TX

**Diocese of Austin**

Vocation Office  
Austin, TX

**Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas**

Immigration Services  
Beaumont, TX

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Immigration & Refugee Program  
Corpus Christi, TX

**Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.**

Immigration and Legal Services  
Dallas, TX

**Diocese of El Paso**

Diocesan Migrant & Refugee  
Services Inc. Of El Paso (DMRS)  
El Paso, TX

**Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, Inc.**

Immigration Consultation  
Services  
Fort Worth, TX

**Catholic Charities of  
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St. Frances Cabrini Center for  
Immigrant Legal Assistance  
Houston, TX

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Laredo, Inc.**

Immigration Services  
Laredo, TX

**Catholic Family Service, Inc.**

Legalization Program  
Lubbock, TX

**Diocesan Legalization Program**

San Angelo, TX

**Catholic Charities of San Antonio**

Migration Services  
San Antonio, TX

**Diocese of Brownsville**

Immigration Counseling Services  
San Juan, TX

**Catholic Charities of Tyler**

Immigration Services  
Tyler, TX

**Catholic Community Services of Utah**

Immigration &  
Refugee Resettlement  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Holy Cross Ministries of Utah**

Immigration Services  
Salt Lake City, UT

**Diocese of Richmond-Migrant  
Ministry**

Accomack, VA

**Catholic Charities**

Hogar Hispano Immigrant  
Services  
Falls Church, VA

**Diocese of Richmond**

Refugee & Immigration Services  
Richmond, VA

**Catholic Community Services of  
Western Washington/Archdiocesan  
Housing Authority**

Catholic Refugee & Immigration  
Services  
Seattle, WA

**St. James Cathedral**

English as a Second  
Language Program  
Seattle, WA

**Catholic Charities of Spokane**

Refugee & Immigration Services  
Spokane, WA

**Catholic Charities of Green Bay**

Resettlement & Immigration  
Services  
Green Bay, WI

**Catholic Charities of La Crosse**

Immigration & Refugee Services  
La Crosse, WI

**Catholic Charities of Milwaukee**

Legal Services to Immigrants  
Milwaukee, WI

**Marquette University Law School**

Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic  
Milwaukee, WI

**Catholic Charities of West Virginia**

Immigration Program  
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