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CATHOLIC LEGAL IMMIGRATION NETWORK, INC



..... annual report 2007

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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.

CLINIC fulfills its mission by:

- Providing a full range of legal and non-legal support services to 173 member agencies comprised primarily of Catholic legal immigration programs. Member agencies serve poor immigrants seeking family reunification, citizenship, and protection from persecution and violence.
- Creating, funding, and managing direct legal service projects that are national in scope and that expand local member agency capacity and expertise.
- Representing archdioceses, dioceses, and religious congregations that need foreign-born priests, nuns, and lay religious workers to serve immigrant communities in the United States.
- Working in collaboration with the USCCB to advocate with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) to improve immigration policies and practices.



CLINIC staff visit the White House during Pope Benedict XVI's inaugural visit to the United States.

ABOUT US

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (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 173 diocesan immigration programs, with 262 field offices in 48 states. CLINIC also directly serves immigrant detainees, helps to immigrate foreign-born religious workers, and manages national citizenship, labor, community empowerment, and anti-domestic violence projects. In addition, CLINIC advocates for just and humane immigration policies. This report outlines CLINIC's main programs and accomplishments in 2007.

MESSAGE FROM CLINIC'S BOARD CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"I want to encourage you and your communities to continue to welcome the immigrants who join your ranks today, to share their joys and hopes, to support them in their sorrow and trials, and to help them flourish in their new home. This, indeed, is what your fellow countrymen have done for generations. From the beginning, they have opened their doors to the tired, the poor, the 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' These are the people whom America has made her own."

Pope Benedict XVI
April 16, 2008
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Pope Benedict XVI's remarks inspired the theme of CLINIC's 2007 annual report, Opening Doors. In an increasingly anti-immigrant climate, the Holy Father's words remind us of the importance of the Catholic Church's work with immigrants and the fundamental principles that guide that work. The Church's teaching that immigrants are our "brothers and sisters" created in God's image has never been more important.

During 2007, Congress failed to enact much-needed comprehensive immigration reform. In response, states introduced an unsurpassed number of anti-immigrant measures and the federal government stepped up its enforcement efforts. The result has been fear, divisiveness, and further marginalization of a population that has played an historic and essential role in our nation's development.

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) exemplifies the Church's commitment to immigrants through its support of more than 173 charitable immigration programs that serve more than 600,000 people per year. Our nation needs to continue to open doors to immigrants. CLINIC is focused on enhancing the capacity of charitable immigration programs, expanding its services to foreign-born religious workers, and continuing to advocate for policies that embrace our brothers and sisters—those who in the Holy Father's words, "America has made her own."



**Most Rev.
Nicholas DiMarzio**



Donald Kerwin

Nicholas DiMarzio

Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn
Chairman, CLINIC Board of Directors

Donald Kerwin

Donald Kerwin
Executive Director
CLINIC

DEDICATION

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) was created in 1988 to support a small but much needed and rapidly growing network of charitable immigration programs. Perhaps no one is more aware of the demand for quality legal services for low-income immigrants than Sister Margaret Perron, RJM, one of the founding administrators of the charitable immigration program for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., and inaugural director of CLINIC's Division of Religious Immigration Services.

Sr. Marge, as she is affectionately known, has devoted her career to helping immigrants and welcoming newcomers, a tradition deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching that has shaped her personal and professional life. Her 22 years of practice in the immigration field as an attorney and program director illustrates her commitment to service and justice for immigrants.

Born in Hawaii to Ah Look Lum and Edward Perron, a member of the U.S. Air Force, Sr. Marge was exposed to diversity from an early age. As a child she attended school in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Japan, and the United States. In 1962, she joined the Congregation of Religious of Jesus and Mary, and later earned her Juris Doctorate from Columbus School of Law at Catholic University.

When Sr. Marge arrived at Catholic Charities of Washington D.C. in 1986 she was assigned two interns and the task of developing a program that would educate the community and prepare immigrants for an impending legalization program. With minimal funding and staff, Sr. Marge met the seemingly daunting task with enthusiasm and creativity. She rallied countless volunteers, organized staff, and secured grant funding to conduct outreach in immigrant communities throughout the Washington D.C. area. Former co-workers describe her efforts as systematic, flexible, and steadfast. During her tenure at Catholic Charities, she grew the immigration program staff from one to ten persons, expanded the program to two locations, and increased the budget from \$40,000 to over \$400,000.

Sister Margaret Perron,
RJM

**A LEADER IN
THE IMMIGRATION
SERVICES FIELD**



Sister Margaret Perron, RJM

In recognition of her countless contributions to the immigration legal services field and to CLINIC, we dedicate our 2007 annual report to Sr. Margaret Perron.

Many of her management practices at Catholic Charities formed the basis of CLINIC's highly successful program on charitable program management. Sr. Marge was one of a small group of charitable program directors who helped to create the program management curriculum, which has educated hundreds of charitable immigration program heads on model management practices and techniques over the last decade.

Following her years with Catholic Charities, Sr. Marge moved to the Legal Resource Center for Religious in Silver Spring, Maryland, where she demonstrated similar organizational skills, leadership, and creativity. This position gave her direct experience with the religious communities that she would later serve with CLINIC.

In 1999, CLINIC hired Sr. Marge as director of its newly formed Division of Religious Immigration Services (DRIS). Under her direction, the program grew from a staff of two to nine; significantly expanded its client base to more than 300 archdioceses, dioceses, and religious communities and its case load to more than 1,000 cases; created an internship program with local area law schools; began to publish a quarterly newsletter and educational materials on religious immigration; developed and implemented a training curriculum on religious immigration law for staff of archdioceses and dioceses that sponsor foreign-born religious workers; and otherwise greatly professionalized a service that is crucial to the life of the Catholic Church in the United States.

"In the many years I've been privileged to work with Sr. Marge, I have always been struck by her inherent concern for others and her deep commitment to treating everybody with dignity, whether her family, the members of her community, her colleagues, her clients, or the people we ultimately serve," said CLINIC's Executive Director Donald Kerwin. "Sr. Marge has been an instrumental part of CLINIC's leadership and the driving force behind the DRIS's growth and its unrivaled reputation for excellence in the field of religious immigration services."

It is not only the immigration field that recognizes Sr. Marge's extraordinary leadership skills. Her religious order, the Congregation of Religious of Jesus and Mary, has tapped her for a leadership position that will require her skills on a full-time basis. As she departs CLINIC to accept this new challenge, CLINIC wishes to express its great gratitude to Sr. Marge. Sr. Marge will always be an important member of the CLINIC family. In recognition of her countless contributions to the immigration legal services field and to CLINIC, we dedicate our 2007 annual report to Sr. Margaret Perron.

EXPANDING LEGAL SERVICES

LEGALIZATION 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 undocumented. To facilitate the agency's new focus, CLINIC created its Division of Legalization which assists charitable Catholic and non-Catholic immigration programs to build, improve, and expand their immigration legal services capacity.

During 2007, the Division of Legalization:

- Hosted the Legalization and Enforcement Conference in Houston on January 11-13. The gathering initiated significant public education work and coordinated capacity building among virtually all of the nation's pro-immigrant networks. The gathering also allowed CLINIC to refine its principles for successful immigration reform.
- Established 84 points of contact in communities across the country. These legalization coordinators lead legalization preparedness activities in their dioceses.
- Produced and distributed legalization preparedness materials through email, the CLINIC website, the *Catholic Legal Immigration News*, trainings, and community education forums.

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In 2007, the hotline received approximately 5,200 calls.

In 2007, CLINIC's multi-day trainings drew a combined attendance of 1,357 persons.

ATTORNEY-OF-THE-DAY HOTLINE

The Attorney-of-the-Day Hotline is a toll-free number available to CLINIC affiliates in need of immediate access to assistance on their cases. It is staffed by immigration law experts who respond to inquiries on substantive legal questions as well as requests for practical advice on effective strategies in representing clients.

IMMIGRATION LAW TRAINING

Training advocates and practitioners continues to be one of CLINIC's most important activities. In 2007, CLINIC conducted more than 30 multi-day trainings on family-based immigration; survey of immigration law; relief for battered spouses and children; citizenship and naturalization; relief from removal; religious-based immigration; and the impact of criminal activity on immigration status. CLINIC attorneys also offered several shorter, more targeted trainings on particular aspects of the law.



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Attendees at a CLINIC training.

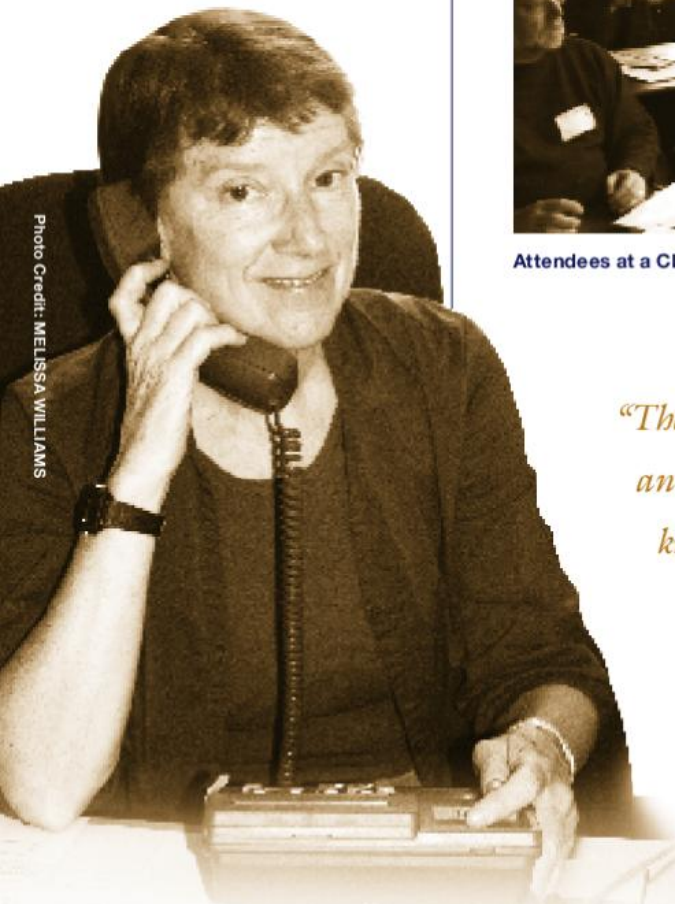


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“The instructor was quite knowledgeable, helpful, and knew how to teach to an audience of all knowledge and skill levels.”

Participant at Immigration Skills training,
Los Angeles, CA

CLINIC attorney Peggy Gleason responds to inquiries on the Attorney-of-the-Day Hotline.

PUBLICATIONS AND NEWSLETTERS

CLINIC produces training manuals, handbooks, position papers, journal articles, reports, and monthly newsletters to educate member agencies, practitioners, and the general public about laws and regulations impacting immigrants and ways to better serve them.

In 2007, CLINIC updated its seven substantive immigration law manuals:

- *Family-Based Immigration Law*
- *Survey of Immigration Law*
- *The Impact of Crimes*
- *Relief from Removal*
- *The VAWA Manual: Immigration Relief for Abused Immigrants*
- *The Child Status Protection Act: A Practitioner's Guide*
- *Bars and Waivers*



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LAURA SIKES

NEWSLETTERS

CLINIC's monthly newsletter, the *Catholic Legal Immigration News*, has evolved into a widely-read legal reference tool for diocesan immigration practitioners.

CLINIC also publishes a quarterly newsletter, *In the Balance*, which reaches over 3,000 constituents.



PRO BONO DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Pro Bono Project secures *pro bono* representation for asylum-seekers, minors, and persons who receive favorable decisions from an Immigration Judge but face subsequent government appeals. Since the project started in 2001, CLINIC and its project partners have recruited more than 400 pro bono representatives, including students from law school immigration and appellate litigation clinics.

"I want to say thank you for choosing my legal case and referring it to the BIA Pro Bono Project. I am impressed by the brief they have filed to the Board of Immigration Appeals."

BIA Pro Bono Project client, White Deer, PA

CLINIC's monthly newsletter, *Catholic Legal Immigration News*, has a circulation of more than 1,100.

In 2007, the BIA Pro Bono Project:

- Secured counsel for 53 immigrant detainees who would otherwise have lacked representation;
- Referred 85 indigent detainee cases to non-governmental organizations and pro bono lawyers in private practice;
- Won relief from removal or a remand for an additional hearing before an Immigration Judge in approximately 25 cases;
- Filed appeals in federal court of adverse BIA decisions.

“The comprehensive information on structuring a program was incredibly useful as we plan to extend our legal services into immigration work. Thanks!”

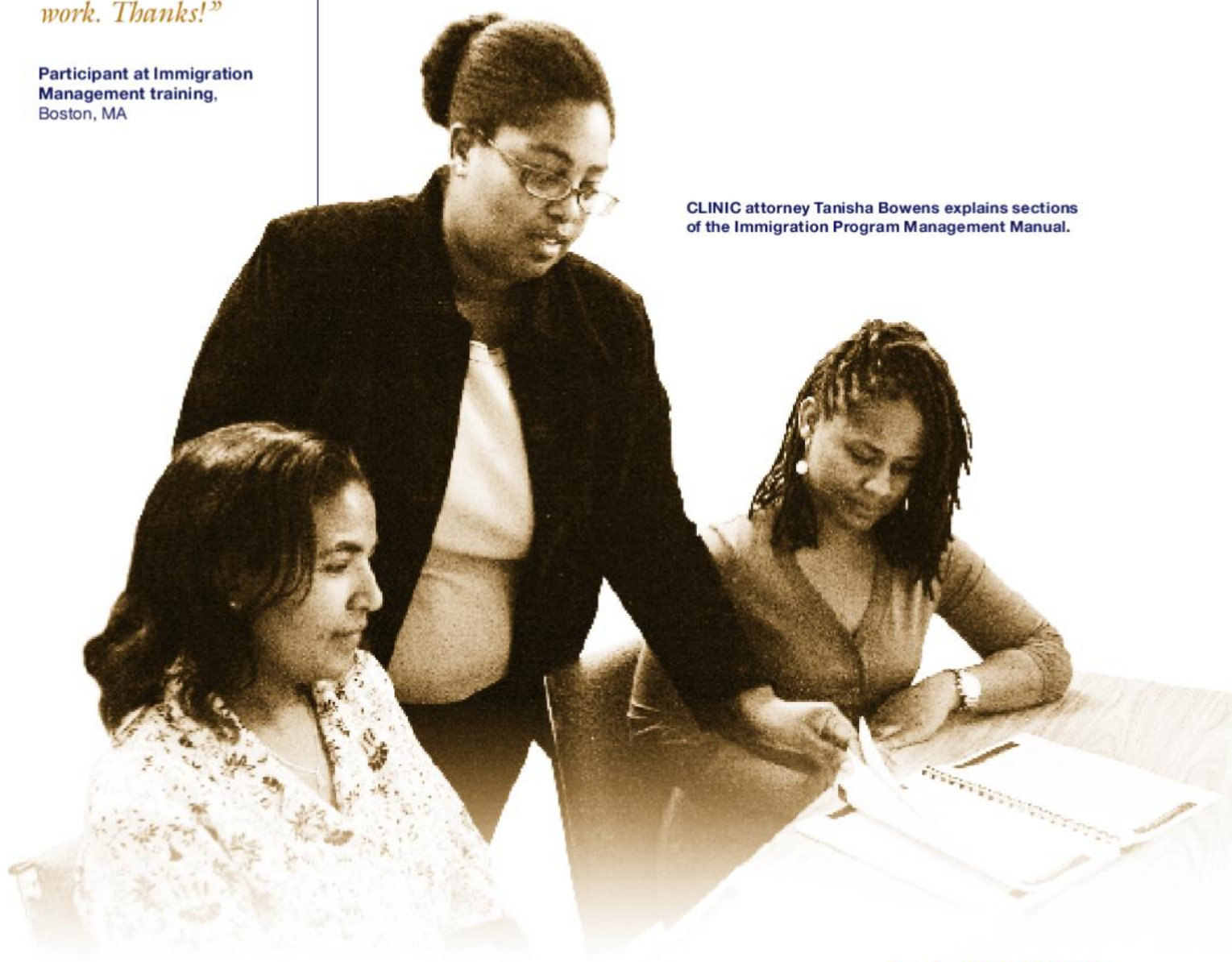
Participant at Immigration Management training, Boston, MA

IMMIGRATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT

CLINIC strives to meet the growing need for new charitable legal programs for low-income immigrants, as well as to expand and diversify the services of existing programs. It pursues these goals, in part, by training and advising local programs on good management practices.

To further good management practices in 2007, CLINIC:

- Created and published a manual, entitled “Managing an Immigration Program: Steps for Creating and Increasing Legal Capacity.”
- Provided three management trainings to 114 participants from 83 charitable immigration programs.



CLINIC attorney Tanisha Bowens explains sections of the Immigration Program Management Manual.

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DEFENDING THE MOST VULNERABLE

GULF COAST IMMIGRATION PROJECT

The effects of Hurricane Katrina are still obvious in the Gulf Coast region. Among the persons most affected are the poor, including immigrants who face harsh working conditions, cannot access relevant government agencies, and have legal questions regarding the loss of immigration documents. The Gulf Coast Immigration Project expands the availability of charitable legal immigration services in the region. In 2007, the project:

- Served 3,770 immigrants;
- Funded diocesan member agencies in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, LA, and in Biloxi and Jackson, MS;
- Hired additional legal staff in each community to expand outreach and direct services to returning and newly arriving immigrants;
- Expanded partnerships with other advocacy organizations, law schools, and religious communities to improve government services to immigrants.

THE IMMIGRANT WORKERS' JUSTICE PROJECT

CLINIC's Immigrant Workers' Justice Project focuses on issues that affect low-wage immigrant workers around the country. The project, in collaboration with national immigrant rights organizations and unions, provides technical advice and legal assistance on employment and workplace enforcement issues.

In 2007, CLINIC staff responded to calls and requests from member agencies for legal advice and materials on a number of issues, including:



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- Federal enforcement actions;
- Workers' compensation;
- State driver's license requirements;
- Verification systems used by employers;
- Harboring and transporting laws.

"We are so grateful for this grant. Without the grant we would not have been able to expand our services. Additionally, the local training by CLINIC staff (as always) has been very helpful and very cost-effective for our budget. It has been apparent that these communities we serve are starved for assistance."

Michael Ann Galliano Oropeza,
Program Director, Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS



During 2007, CLINIC:

- Secured funding to create legal capacity in rural communities for survivors of domestic violence;
- Conducted several trainings on the Violence Against Women Act, and T and U nonimmigrant visa status for victims of trafficking and crimes.

ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND TORTURE SURVIVORS

CLINIC’s detention lawyers represent low-income and indigent asylum-seekers, torture survivors, former refugees, unaccompanied minors, and other non-citizens in immigration removal proceedings.

CLINIC works in detention facilities to identify immigrants with strong cases for political asylum, withholding of removal, or relief under the U.N. Torture Convention. In 2007, CLINIC attorneys successfully argued nine torture survivor cases and brought five cases by asylum-seekers before Immigration Judges.

SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

CLINIC helps immigrant survivors of domestic violence who are vulnerable to abusive permanent resident or U.S. citizen spouses upon whom they depend to legalize their immigration status. CLINIC offers training on the types of immigration relief available to victims of abuse and other crimes, as well as direct technical assistance to charitable organizations that represent victims of crime.

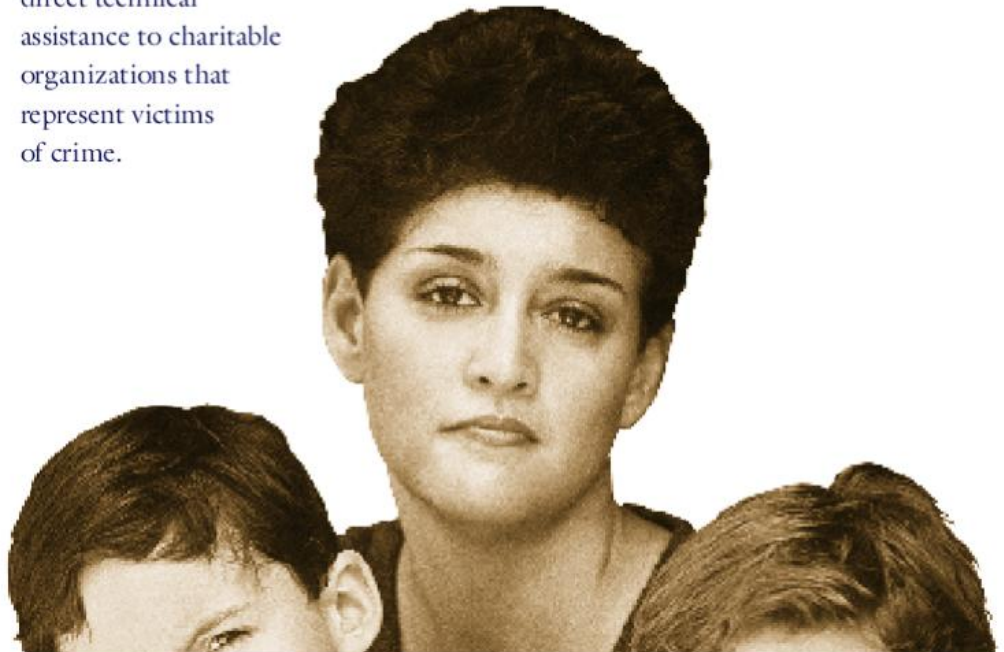


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INDEFINITE DETAINEES

CLINIC undertook a range of work in 2007 to improve the situation of indefinite detainees. Indefinite detainees are individuals with final removal orders who have been imprisoned by DHS for months or even years because their home countries refuse to accept their return.

CLINIC serves as a source of information, referral, and reference for individuals and organizations interested in assisting indefinite detainees. CLINIC also provides copies of its *pro se* assistance manuals to individuals who wish to represent themselves when free or low-cost counsel cannot be obtained.

DETAINED LONG-TERM RESIDENTS

CLINIC also serves detained long-term residents. During 2007 CLINIC:

- Trained criminal defense lawyers, federal appellate lawyers, and *pro bono* lawyers on providing immigration assistance to low-income immigrants.
- Provided technical assistance to volunteers helping immigrants in the aftermath of a large-scale immigration raid in New Bedford, MA.
- In collaboration with a Los Angeles Spanish-language television station, organized a series of meetings for community members on preparing for immigration enforcement activities and obtaining assistance for friends and family of persons detained after raids.
- Served as a class plaintiff in a federal lawsuit that challenged the government's application of a 1996 law on mandatory detention of certain immigrants.

In 2007, CLINIC:

- Identified 61 indefinite detainees during "Know Your Rights" presentations;
- Provided individual consultations to 40 indefinite detainees;
- Responded to 55 phone calls from indefinite detainees, their families, and supporters.

In 2007, CLINIC staff:

- Made 388 presentations to 7,676 adult and child detainees;
- Fielded 9,067 phone calls from detainees, their families, and supporters seeking information on detention and deportation;
- Provided 3,439 detainees with individual screenings and interviews.

“I would like to take the chance to thank you for all the hard work that you did for me. I am very thankful for you and your organization. I think you guys are doing a great job. Thanks to you I am now in my second year of college and live with a wonderful family. I am really grateful that you took my case. Thank you!”

Immigrant minor assisted by CLINIC attorney

Over 8,000 unaccompanied noncitizen children were detained during 2007.

MINORS IN DETENTION

CLINIC continues to participate in a government-funded program that screens and refers detained unaccompanied children to *pro bono* counsel. CLINIC provides *pro bono* screening and referral services to children who are initially detained in Texas, Arizona, and other states, but have subsequently been released into the custody of family members or other sponsors pending completion of their deportation cases.

In 2007, CLINIC:

- Conducted 211 “Know Your Rights” legal workshops for detained immigrant children;
- Consulted with 288 children on their immigration cases;
- Made 290 referrals to *pro bono* lawyers and other service providers;
- Represented 18 children, winning deportation waivers for nine;
- Fielded 1,781 telephone calls related to children in detention.

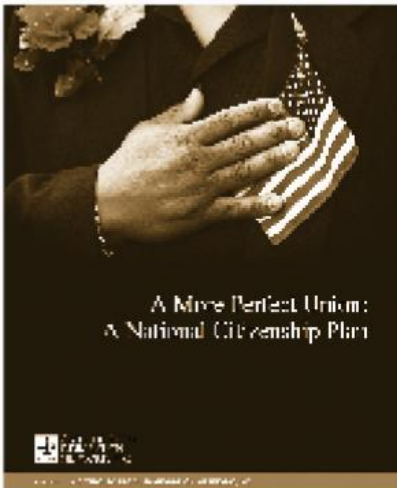


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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CITIZENSHIP, EMPOWERMENT, AND INTEGRATION

CLINIC's work on citizenship and immigrant integration expanded in 2007. It released its report, *A More Perfect Union: A National Citizenship Plan* and continued two large-scale projects: the Carnegie Citizenship and Civic Engagement Project and the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Citizenship and Civic Participation Technical Assistance Project.



CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: A BLUEPRINT FOR A STRENGTHENED DEMOCRACY

In January 2007, CLINIC released its report, *A More Perfect Union: A National Citizenship Plan*. The report outlines the resources, activities, and partnerships that would be required to accommodate the nearly eight million immigrants who are currently eligible to naturalize and the millions more who will become eligible in the near future.

With support from the Carnegie Corporation, CLINIC also provided flow-through funding for CLINIC member agencies to host group naturalization application workshops and broaden community support for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

"We would like to thank Jeff Chenoweth of Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. for sharing his deep expertise on naturalization and legal services; we relied heavily on his book, A More Perfect Union: A National Citizenship Plan, which is the authoritative resource on this subject."

Excerpt from the acknowledgements page of *"Pave the Path to Citizenship,"* a report by Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR).

In 2007, CLINIC funded 18 community-based immigration programs that had no or little experience with the naturalization workshop model. Forty-one workshops were held, 342 volunteers trained, and 755 naturalization applications filed.

CLINIC's D.C.

Citizenship Project:

- Produced 925 naturalization applications from applicants originating in approximately 46 countries;
- Referred 222 people to ESL classes.

CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

As part of a three-year ORR-funded project, CLINIC provided technical assistance on refugee citizenship and civic participation. Project services and activities included:

- On-site community trainings and organization site visits;
- Website trainings and conference presentations;
- 97 technical assistance consultations by phone;
- Creation of a website with toolkits and fact sheets.



New U.S. citizen celebrates her naturalization.

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ADDITIONAL CITIZENSHIP PROJECTS

CLINIC completed the third year of a citizenship project in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area that provides citizenship outreach and application assistance to low-income lawful permanent residents through three diocesan affiliates.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

CLINIC promotes changes to U.S. immigration policy and procedures using a variety of public education and media outreach tools. Highlights of these efforts include:

- News stories in media outlets throughout the country. Print and broadcast media mentioned CLINIC more than 35 times in 2007.
- Presentations and public speaking events. During 2007, CLINIC staff gave more than 50 presentations, reaching more than 5,970 individuals at dioceses, universities, law schools, churches, and faith-based and advocacy organizations. Presentations covered U.S. immigration law and policy, Catholic social teaching, the need for immigration reform, and legalization preparedness.



CLINIC Executive Director Donald Kerwin makes a presentation at Fairfield University.

ADVOCACY

During 2007, CLINIC participated in national meetings with the leadership of DHS enforcement agencies. CLINIC also met with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on a regular basis to bring to its attention the priority issues of CLINIC's affiliates.

In 2007, CLINIC took a lead role in responding to a request from DHS to comment on Family Detention Standards issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). ICE incorporated many of CLINIC's comments into the final Family Detention Standards.

CLINIC plays an important liaison role between its local member agencies and USCIS adjudications officers. In 2007, CLINIC submitted more than 100 individual case inquiries to USCIS Service Centers and USCIS Headquarters on behalf of its affiliates. In many instances, the inquiries resulted in cases getting back on track, being reopened, or being favorably adjudicated.

"In the 22+ years I have practiced immigration law in a non-profit setting I have witnessed the development of a structure which has effectively eliminated all direct means of communication with the USCIS and State Department on behalf of our clients. Consequently, when an error occurs in processing it may take months or years before the situation is remedied at the risk of losing the benefit sought. In these situations we have been blessed with the assistance of CLINIC. CLINIC consistently and quickly resolved unique issues for our clients when all hope was lost. Its dedication, compassion and professionalism shine through in every response to our desperate requests for help. We would truly be at a loss without their services."

Cheryl Martinez-Gloria, Program Director,
Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, Denver, CO

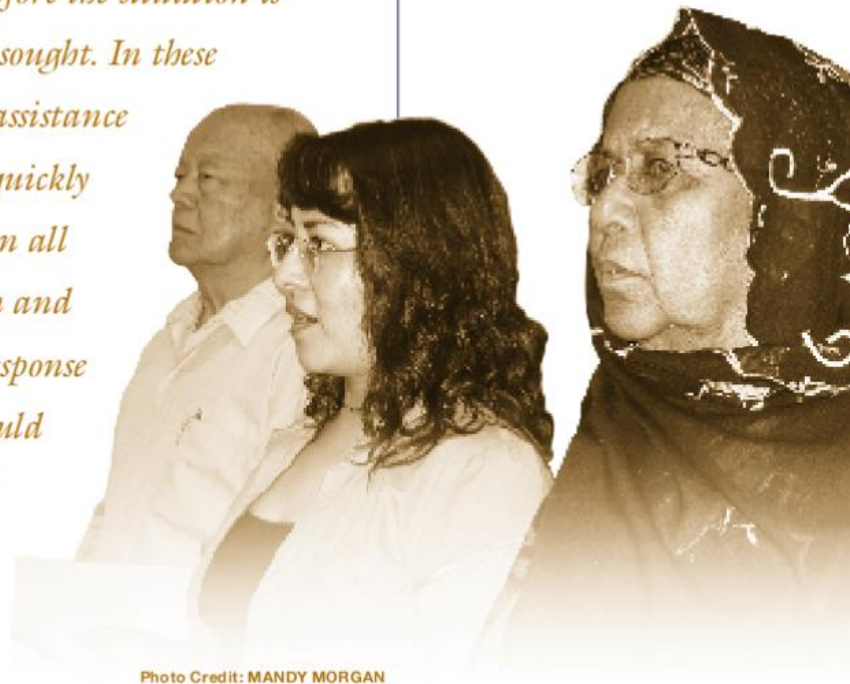


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CLINIC

co-sponsored its 4th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference 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.

ANNUAL CONVENING

CLINIC held its 10th Annual Convening May 9-11 in Tucson, Arizona. The theme was “Building Bridges, Not Walls.” Workshops, plenary sessions, and roundtables offered valuable training and discussion opportunities for 350 immigration practitioners from over 150 diocesan and Catholic Charities immigration programs, members of the non-profit community, law firms, and other organizations.

ANNUAL LAW AND POLICY CONFERENCE

CLINIC co-sponsored its 4th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference 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 2007 conference included a key-note address, plenary discussions on immigration reform, and breakout sessions on naturalization, immigrant integration, trends in immigrant enforcement, and immigrant rights in post Katrina Louisiana.

Far right, Doris Meissner, former commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), leads a panel of experts at the 4th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference.



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE

RELIGIOUS IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATION

CLINIC's Division of Religious Immigration Services (DRIS) provides legal representation and educational services to Catholic archdioceses, dioceses, and religious institutes that bring priests, brothers, sisters, seminarians, and lay men and women to the United States for formation, education, or ministry.

In 2007, the Division:

- Represented 315 arch/diocesan and religious institute clients in 983 open cases;
- Conducted three religious immigration trainings;
- Made presentations at three national conferences;
- Offered internships to six law students;
- Engaged in advocacy with USCIS to ameliorate policies, delays, and backlogs impacting religious workers.

"I wish to thank you for the immigration workshop. It was well received and added significantly to the information and resources vocation directors need to serve in this crucial area of the Church. Your presentation skills, along with the information and experience you have made this workshop one of the most highly rated of the convention."

Randall Cirner, Executive Director,
National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors



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CLINIC attorney Nina McDermott with a DRIS client.

COALITIONS



CLINIC and two partner agencies founded Detention Watch Network (DWN) in 1997 in response to the rapid growth of the U.S. immigration detention system.

JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS

During 2007, CLINIC continued to take a leadership role in the *Justice for Immigrants* (JFI) campaign, the Catholic Church's nationwide initiative for comprehensive immigration reform. Catholic organizations with national networks comprise the JFI campaign's core members. These organizations have committed themselves to mobilizing a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of good will in support of the bishops' policy positions on immigration. Necessary elements of reform include: "earned" legalization for necessary workers; expanded opportunities for legal entry for work and reuniting family members; and establishment of an appropriate temporary worker program. The goal of the JFI campaign is to maximize the Church's influence on these issues.

As one of the two agencies staffing JFI, CLINIC actively participated in four of the campaign's primary objectives:

- To educate the public, particularly the Catholic community, about Church teaching on migration and immigrants;
- To create political will for positive immigration reform;
- To enact legislative and administrative reforms based on the principles articulated by the bishops;
- To organize Catholic networks to assist qualified immigrants to obtain the benefits of the reforms.

DETENTION WATCH NETWORK

CLINIC and two partner agencies founded Detention Watch Network (DWN) in 1997 in response to the rapid growth of the U.S. immigration detention system. Over the past decade, the Network has involved 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. CLINIC participates on DWN's Steering, Finance, Nominating, Membership, and Advocacy committees.

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Center, Bishop Jaime Soto.



At right, Vincent Pitta.

2007 DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Formed in 1998, CLINIC's Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) provides advice and feedback on training, support, and programmatic activities that CLINIC offers to its member agencies. The DAC helps CLINIC to determine which advocacy issues it should address and how it can improve its programs and services.

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OREGON

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

	2007	2006
Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,591,573	\$ 959,699
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$10,000 for 2007 and 2006)	6,719	20,277
Contributions receivable	932,580	847,716
Grants receivable	266,762	71,165
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	20,109	21,939
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,817,743	1,920,796
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS	1,116,127	1,130,967
FIXED ASSETS, net	766	766
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE, net of current portion	412,473	259,437
DEPOSITS	3,250	3,250
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,350,359	\$ 3,315,216

Liabilities and Net Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 408,466	\$ 164,224
Accrued expenses	146,156	115,560
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	554,622	279,784
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	812,325	375,546
Unrestricted—Board designated for endowment	616,127	630,967
Total unrestricted	1,428,452	1,006,513
Temporarily restricted	2,367,285	2,028,919
TOTAL NET ASSETS	3,795,737	3,035,432
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 4,350,359	\$ 3,315,216

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenues, Grants, and Other Support			
Migration and Refugee Service/United States Conference of Catholic Bishops support	\$ 1,800,000		\$ 1,800,000
Professional services fees	31,399		31,399
Religious contract revenues	509,455		509,455
Direct federal awards	383,240	\$ 181,785	565,025
Other grants and contributions	1,312,509	1,235,112	2,547,621
Investment return	105,747		105,747
Training and seminars	252,631		252,631
Membership and other	184,678		184,678
Net assets released from restrictions	1,078,531	(1,078,531)	0
TOTAL REVENUE, GRANTS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	5,658,190	338,366	5,996,556
Expenses			
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Direct representation	1,506,230		1,506,230
Emergency population representation	294,131		294,131
Diocesan support	2,740,214		2,740,214
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	4,540,575	0	4,540,575
Supporting Services			
Fundraising and development	204,461		204,461
Management and general	491,215		491,215
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	695,676	0	695,676
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,236,251	0	5,236,251
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	421,939	338,366	760,305
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,006,513	2,028,919	3,035,432
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,428,452	\$ 2,367,285	\$ 3,795,737





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