

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



Original occupants of St. Clement's Convent in 1927, which has been Catholic Charities' St. Robert's Center since 1987, will now serve Transitional Aged Youth in LA.

FEATURED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES, INC.

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., operates 22 community centers, seven homeless shelters, and over 50 programs serving the poor, including: food pantries, thrift stores, in-home services for homebound seniors, refugee resettlement, youth employment services, counseling, affordable before- and after-school child care, immigration assistance, pre-school for children of low income families, and temporary worker centers.

Learn More at www.catholiccharitiesla.org

PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT

The programs of Catholic Charities focus on empowerment and seek to enact long-term, positive change in individuals, families and communities by:

- Alleviating Hunger
- Strengthening Communities
- Transforming Homelessness
- Guiding Children and Teens
- Protecting the Aging
- Assisting Immigrants and Refugees
- Ensuring Quality Programs

Transitional Aged Youth Housing in Los Angeles



Constructed and dedicated in 1927, St. Clement's Convent in Venice, California was occupied by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, who taught at St. Clement's Parish School from 1927 until June of 1969. After that time, the convent was used by various communities of Catholic Sisters who had ministries outside of St. Clement's Parish. In 1985, St. Clement's Convent was used as the Regional office and community services center for Our Lady of the Angels Region of Catholic Charities.

In the fall of 1987, after some renovations and seismic retrofitting were completed, Msgr. Gregory Cox, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. had the building dedicated and named St. Robert's Center. The site initially housed psychological services, an Hispanic Leadership program, and case management. In more recent years, they added a weekend food program distributing lunches, hygiene items, and groceries for low income individuals and families, as well as referrals to community resources.

In the beginning of 2017, the new Director of Our Lady of the Angels Region, Lorri Perreault, realized that the center is underutilized. Since homelessness is a major issue in Venice, Lorri proposed a new purpose for the 7,200 square foot building: housing for nine to ten Transitional Aged Youth, ages 18-24.

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. is resourceful in identifying and meeting the growing and changing needs in the areas in which they serve. Transitioning into adulthood is a challenge for any young person but for those who have spent years in foster and group homes or who are "aging out" and exiting the foster care system, the risks are significant as they have not secured a safe and permanent home. Unfortunately, upon leaving the dependency system, many young adults find themselves homeless or unemployed. Many will struggle with health issues or substance abuse problems. St. Clements, now St. Roberts, has long been known within Venice as a building of service to its community which will now meet a basic need for safety and security to this vulnerable population of youth.



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DISCOUNTS ON ALL REMAINING 2017 PILGRIMAGES

What pilgrims are saying...

Unexpectedly beautiful and life-changing. The spiritual focus and the logistics CCC took care of made all the difference." - Kathleen

"My fondest memories are of the group eating and laughing together. My favorite day was when we walked from Sutri to Campagnano and stopped at the Falls of Monte Gelato. I still remember the pleasure of putting my feet in the cold water!" - Mossimo

"The feeling of fatigue at the end of each day was nothing compared to the journey, the scenery, the kindness of people, the food, and the personal quiet moments with God. What makes this trip unique is the attention to detail and the affordable cost. Not only is this pilgrimage good spiritually but it is supporting the work of Catholic Charities, an absolute win-win situation!" - Christine

Catholic Charities of California invites you to join seven-day walking pilgrimages to both Italy and Spain on the Via Francigena and the Camino de Santiago! We are offering DISCOUNTS on all remaining 2017 trip dates!

Pilgrimages are transformative experiences, filled with life-long memories, spiritual renewal, and adventure. A portion of the cost of each pilgrim's trip supports the work of Catholic Charities of California providing crucial services to Californians in need.

Contact CCC to join a group, go independently, or build your own pilgrimage group!

For trip dates and more information, visit:
www.CatholicCharitiesCA.org



Catholic Charities Statewide Immigration Network

UPDATES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN AWARDED NEW FUNDS TO ASSIST IMMIGRATION SERVICES:

Catholic Charities of California (CCC) has been awarded \$500,000 to do Education & Outreach services for immigration remedies and naturalization eligibility, as well as Naturalization simple and complex application assistance. The program is funded by a grant from The California Wellness Foundation (Cal Wellness). Created in 1992 as a private independent foundation, Cal Wellness' mission is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention.

These new funds beginning on July 1, 2017, safeguard the health of low-income immigrants in San Diego and Imperial counties by providing naturalization application assistance and immigration-focused education and outreach.

These funds from Cal Wellness will allow Local Catholic Charities to outreach to at least 3,000 individuals and assist 1,700 eligible individuals to apply for naturalization over the next 2 years.

