

A world where everyone
lives in dignity

Seoul Catholic Social Welfare Services (Seoul Caritas)

“Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you have
done it to one of the least of these my brothers,
you have done it to me.”



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All human beings should be able to consume necessary resources for their dignified life. Therefore, we must share and help each other as cherishing myself in order for our neighbors to maintain human dignity. This is the true practice of love, and also is our mission.



Dear readers,

I am Father Francis, Sung-Hwan Jung, the Executive Director of Seoul Catholic Welfare Services (Caritas Seoul).

Seoul Caritas was founded in 1976 by Cardinal Su-Hwan Kim in order to fulfill our mission as "Church within Society".

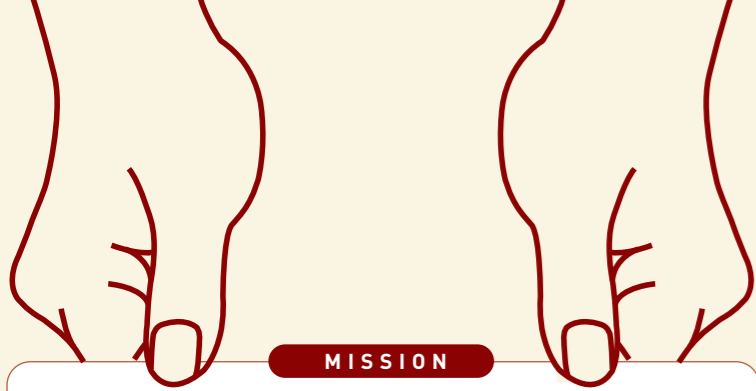
We are all making our efforts to create a society where everyone can cherish (enjoy) life with dignity and human rights.

Throughout various welfare sectors in community, Caritas Seoul runs community welfare facilities, operates associations of different areas and implements community welfare programs based on local churches.

Your supports and participations are vital resources for all of our works for the community for Caritas Seoul to practice love and sharing both now and always.

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MISSION

We devote ourselves to creating a world where everyone enjoy their life filled with dignity.



VISION

1. **A leading agency** to establish a complex welfare community that the Church and the Community work in solidarity based on human dignity
2. **A social service arm of the Church** to live with the poor and marginalized neighbors
3. **A social service agency of the Diocese** to pursue community development based on parish levels
4. **A professional social welfare agency** that leads future social welfare environment
5. **A networking agency** to communicate and collaborate with all members of the community



CORE VALUE

Common Good / Subsidiarity / Solidarity / Responsibilities / Professionalism



Uplift the value of true love...

A social service arm of the Church to live with the poor and marginalized neighbors

We give our hands to the ignored people in invisible places, We spread sharing to build sharing environment which everyone can take part in

<Programs>

- Scholarship projects and domiciliary care services by parishes (ex. providing rice & kimchi)
- Red Meal-Van(vehicle) of providing free meals to share love
- 100 won-a-meal Campaign, the sharing movement with participation of individuals, small business owners and families
- Organized training programs for volunteers and guide to volunteering activities



Expand the dream of the community...

A social service agency of the Diocese to pursue community development based on parish levels

Provide direct and indirect support to contribute for integrated development of the community with harmony of parishes, Catholics, social services agencies, beneficiaries and other community members

<Programs>

- Operating pilot project on parish's social ministry
- Connecting volunteers to various sectors in need in the community
- Supporting parish social ministry program
- Food Market Project



Create a better tomorrow...

A professional social welfare agency that leads future social welfare environment

Seoul Caritas is in transition to a future-oriented professional social welfare agency, focusing on the area of research, policy suggestions, organized donation and volunteering systems based on professionalism and the spirituality of Catholic social welfare.

<Programs>

- Routine supervision and inspection on direct-managed facilities and registered organization
- Education and training, research activities for fostering professionalism
- Activities for Policy suggestions regarding current issues of social welfare
- Fair management on execution of donations and goods

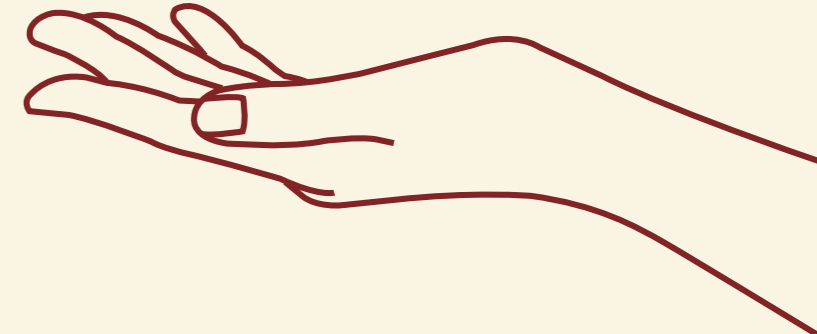
Fill the gaps for unity of the community...

A networking agency to communicate and collaborate with all members of the community

We are trying to serve as the central network hub where everybody can share Catholic social welfare mission and vision

<Programs>

- Organizing associations in various welfare sectors and supporting their programs
- Planning and public relations works to expand movement of sharing
- Promoting collaboration with other religions and non-profit civil society organizations
- Promoting solidarity with local parishes and Catholic agencies



What is 'CARITAS' –'Caritas' is a Latin word, meaning of love, affection and charity. "Caritas" indicates 'love for God and our neighbors,' which is a commandment of Jesus Christ. 'Caritas' is used as the name of social service organizations of the Catholic Church for the poor and marginalized.

CARITAS Mark –The red flame and the cross stretching to four different directions stand for charity. The vertical column of the cross signifies God's love for human beings and also our love for God. The horizontal cross means the love for our neighbors rooted in God's love.

CARITAS Internationalis –Caritas Internationalis was established in September 1950 as a federation of Caritas organizations in each country which have operated charity works within the country. Caritas Internationalis work to practice love of Catholic Church in the World and realize social justice. Caritas Internationalis currently has UN consultative status.

CARITAS Korea –Caritas Korea achieved a full membership of Caritas Internationalis in 1979. It represents Korean Catholic social welfare programs. It operates overseas program- emergency relief and development cooperation works- in third world countries including North Korea based on coordination and cooperation in national level. Caritas Seoul, as a member of Caritas Korea, represents Catholic social welfare activities in Seoul Archdiocese.