



# OFFICE OF CATHOLIC HIV/AIDS MINISTRY & MINISTERIO CATOLICO DE VIH/SIDA ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES 2014



## “JESUS SAID: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?”

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### VISION

*We are called to be instruments of God and, as Church, we commit ourselves to build a community of faith and love, which includes those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.*

### GOALS

- Proclaim that God is source of strength for all who are suffering
- Uphold the dignity of human life
- Provide liturgical, educational, networking resources
- Offer pastoral care, visits, speakers, resource manuals and materials, training and referrals

### What have we been doing since founded by the Cardinal in 1986:

- HIV/AIDS Pastoral Care to persons living with or affected
- HIV/AIDS Education in Spanish and English
- HIV/AIDS Resource in networking with County, national and local agencies
- National Catholic AIDS Network involvement and speaking

### Annual Accomplishments

- Information tabling at all Regional Congresses, Religious Ed Congress and Community Events
- AIDS WALK Los Angeles Gold Team raising over \$30,000 in 2009 and over \$165,000 over 7 years
- Four Spanish Training of the Trainers and 30-40 in-services and school presentations per year
- World AIDS Events coordination with Mass at the Cathedral and Spanish speaking services

### 2014 Plans

- Continue Human Sexuality Training for trainers twice a year, AIDS WALK LA, World AIDS Day
- Spanish and English AIDS training the trainers several times a year
- Youth and Adults Talks/Hire part time person to reach out to youth and work on AIDS WALKS teams
- Religious Ed Congress Speaking and information table
- Spanish and English Updates with Clergy and parish leaders
- Follow up research project targeting Latino and African American communities at risk
- Health faire in several parishes in collaboration with City of Los Angeles AIDS Office
- Joint retreats with Bienestar Agency and MLGC

### FACTS—“the truth sets us free”

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

#### In the United States (November 2013):

- More than 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV infection.
- Almost 1 in 6 (15.8%) of HIV-positive people in the U.S. are unaware of their infection.

#### In the world:

- Worldwide, there were about 2.5 million new cases of HIV in 2011.
- About 34.2 million people are living with HIV around the world.
- Nearly 30 million people with AIDS have died worldwide.



Pope Francis 1.1.2013: “Dear brothers and sisters, today is the World Day for the battle against HIV/AIDS. We express our closeness to all people whom it has affected, especially children. This closeness is made concrete through the silent commitment of so many missionaries and workers. Let us pray for everyone, also for the doctors and those involved in research. May every sick person, without exception, have access to the care they need.”