



Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago OFFICE OF LATINO AFFAIRS

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Catholic Charities City Southwest Regional Office Open House

On February 1st, Catholic Charities welcomed over 100 guests to an Open House in celebration of its newest Regional Office, located on the grounds of St. Gall Parish at 5533 South Sawyer in Chicago.

The day began with a Mass of of Celebration, with Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities, and Rev. Gary Graf, Pastor of St. Gall presiding. Following the mass, Marilu Gonzalez, Regional Director, welcomed attendees to the Regional Office and invited them to tour the site and learn about the services offered.

We thank all the parishioners, Board members and community leaders who attended the Mass of celebration and Open House, including Illinois State Senator Martin Sandoval, Alderman Edward M. Burke and Dennis Ryan, VP of Holy Cross. We also thank the volunteers who made the event a success including Nueva Vida and Pastoral Migratoria Ministries.

We invite you to learn more about newest Regional Office. Please contact: Marilu Gonzalez at 773-349-8835 or via email: marigonzalez@catholiccharities.net. You may also view our *Summary of On-Site Services*: [Click Here](#).



Monsignor Michael M. Boland, Illinois State Senator Martin Sandoval, Fr. Gary Graf and Angel Gutierrez at the Open House.

We need you!

We invite you to join our Catholic Charities team.

Our Bishop Conway Residence located on the west side of Chicago is seeking for the following:

**Certified Nurse's Aid (CNA)
Kitchen Aid
Financial Clerk**

If you are interested on any of the opportunities listed above, please contact: Gabriela Saldaña at 773-252-9941 or via email at: gsaldana@catholiccharities.net. Additional employment, internship and volunteers opportunities are available by clicking on the following links:

[Jobs](#)
[Internships](#)
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Administrative Relief Workshops

The Catholic Charities Immigration and Naturalization Services Department has partnered with the Immigrant to Immigrant Ministry of the Archdiocese Office of Immigrant Affairs in conducting Information Workshops on Immigration Administrative Relief at parishes throughout Chicago and suburban Cook and Lake Counties.

While Administrative Relief has not yet been implemented, the need to inform the immigrant community about the action is critical.

Volunteers and Staff Bring Our Mission to Life

Our new City Southwest Regional Office has been blessed with a great team of volunteers and interns who share and implement creative ideas that enhance our mission to the community.

Briana Martinez is one of these volunteers. Recognizing the need for children's clothing in the community, Briana began a Children's Clothing Closet, which receives and distributes donations of clothing for children from the ages newborn to seven years old.

For Marilu Gonzalez, Regional Director, this project has been a great and well received service in the community. A mother came with her children and before leaving the site expressed her gratitude to the staff: **"Estoy agradecida con Caridades Católicas porque sin pedir nada a cambio, le han puesto una sonrisa a una familia que lo necesita como la mia"** (I am grateful with Catholic Charities because without asking for anything in return, they have given a smile to a family that needs it, like mine).



Briana Martinez (upper right) with volunteers and Staff at the City Southwest Regional Office.

We extend a thank you to all our interns and volunteers that support the City Southwest Regional Office with their time and talent. If you are interested in volunteering or interning at this office, please contact Marilu Gonzalez at 312-349-8835.

On Sunday, Feb. 8th over 150 people attended an Information Session at St. Gall Parish. Carlos Rinconeno of our Immigration Staff presented and answered questions. Attendees also received information about the Catholic Charities new City Southwest Regional Office.

We are grateful to the Immigrant to Immigrant Ministry of St. Gall parish for their welcome and support. It is through partnerships and collaborations, that we best respond to the needs of the community.

To learn more about Immigration Administrative Relief: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Respect, Compassion, Competence, and Stewardship.*