

# Aims and Objectives

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Caritas, the official social service agency of the Catholic Church in Hong Kong, is essentially a movement of understanding and concern, of caring and service, of human development and solidarity. Its special attention is directed to the needs and aspirations of the underprivileged, the **last**, the **least** and the **lost** within the community.

As its name indicates, Caritas (=“Αγάπη”=“Christ’s Love”) strives to bear witness to the world over and be rooted where the neediest are, at the base of society, in the poorest communities, and to make itself available to render help where the need is greatest; not to dominate, not to teach, not to sit in judgment, but to give a testimony of God’s love and human dignity, to serve in charity, to animate the community process of caring and solidarity. The ultimate drive of Caritas is to enable people to develop themselves and to overcome the difficulties that life and circumstances have put in their way.

Caritas aims at overcoming divisions among human beings, eliminating climate of injustice and selfishness, opening channels of communication, creating attitudes of compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation and brotherhood / sisterhood.

## Vision, Mission and Value

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- Vision**
- To provide comprehensive quality services and the development of the whole person
  - To build up a friendly and caring society
- Mission**
- To help the underprivileged and the vulnerable
  - To enable people to develop their potential
  - To promote mutual understanding and reconciliation
  - To establish a spirit of reciprocity to the community from which the people have benefited
- Value**
- To be rooted in Christian heritage
  - To develop human dignity
  - To emphasize and instill ethics and humanitarian concerns