

THE CHARTER OF THE CAMILLIAN SOCIOHEALTH INSTITUTIONS (CSIs)

The Order of the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians) was founded by St. Camillus de Lellis in the 16th century to witness and exercise the mercy Christ to those who suffer from illnesses, especially to the most vulnerable. The Order which has, “as its purpose, complete service to the sick person in the totality of his being” (Const. 43), realizes this mission through a variety of services and ministries inspired by a holistic vision of the human person. Among the multiple forms of the exercise of the Camillian ministry are the Camillian Socio-health Institutions (CSIs) owned and/or managed by the Order.

Our Vision

The Order envisions that the Camillian Socio-health Institutions (CSIs) will become an authentic healing community announcing the salvation and fullness of life of the sick person by incarnating the culture of the Good Samaritan in a given context. Operating in a specific locality and acting in the name of the Church of which it is a living part, the Order seeks to respond to the real needs of the sick and promote their dignity, thus, contributing to the building up of the Kingdom of God.

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This Charter of the Camillian Socio-health Institutions (CSIs) springs from our desire to promote the ideals which our Constitution confers to these institutions. It defines the core values which establish the identity of the CSIs, which must be shared, especially to all our collaborators (men and women). It is also our hope and desire that it will become a reference point to the other health institutions and society as a whole.

Our Mission

A CSI witnesses and incarnates the salvific, merciful, prophetic, and healing action of Christ in the world of health through the promotion of health, prevention of diseases, and the provision of care and rehabilitation. Special attention is given to the alleviation of pain, and the human and spiritual accompaniment of the sick and his/her family, and to the evangelization in which the fullness of the promised salvation is fulfilled in the celebration of the sacraments.

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Our Core Values

1. The CSIs place the human person at the center in all aspects of care, based on the recognition and respect for the inviolable dignity of every human being, created in the image and likeness of God, from the moment of conception to the natural death.
2. The CSIs are at the service of life and health in all its dimensions (physical, biological, mental, psychological, social, and spiritual) and in accompanying in all its phases of the development of

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human existence, developing a particular attention to the promotion and the quality of these values, especially in moments of greatest vulnerability.

- gratuitous love*

3. The CSIs are one of the places where the evangelical values are realized: attentive and fraternal care, solidarity and competent service, gratuitous love towards the sick person and the family, appropriate attention to the care of collaborators who are serving the suffering with competence and compassion. As an ecclesial facility inspired by the rich Camillian tradition and spirituality, the CSIs aspire to be places of humanity and excellence, the culture of health and evangelization.
- faithful to the moral teachings of the Catholic church*

4. The CSIs commit in the health praxis to promote dialogue and interdisciplinary research on bioethical issues, faithful to the moral teachings of the Catholic church. A Bioethics Committee will be instituted in each CSI or in collaboration with other CSIs. The CSIs protect the individual and institutional right to conscientious objection.
- healing community*

5. The CSIs value, in a particular way, the persons (collaborators) who work in these facilities, as an integral part of the “healing community” in each facility. As a, it The promotion of the climate of dialogue, co-responsibility, and the valuing of all its member are the essential elements proper to a center of therapeutic alliance in each facility. The CSIs promote policies based on full respect to its collaborators by favoring personal, professional and spiritual growth regardless of the assigned task.
- justice and equity*

6. The CSIs adopt a model of administration based on the ethical values of justice and equity (value-based management) to the sick and their collaborators. It also upholds the value of transparency and rational use of resources aimed at achieving healing and improvement of the technical, scientific, humanistic and spiritual knowledge to guarantee advanced and optimum quality services. The self-sustainability of the CSIs is a requisite and a guarantee to the achievement of its end (finality).
- spiritual mission*

7. The CSIs share in the mission of the Church of evangelization bearing witness to the merciful love of Christ to the sick. Its spiritual mission (services and accompaniment) is directed to the healing community - the sick, the needy, their families, and the healthcare personnel - regardless of culture and faith.
- network of collaboration*

8. The CSIs, an open-space, and well-integrated into the local territory, promote a culture of health empowerment and prevention to improve the quality of life for all by establishing a network of collaboration with other CSIs from other Provinces and Delegations of the Order and other local and international

health institutions, organizations, and agencies. It promotes volunteerism in the CSIs and the local territory.

priority to the poorest

9. The CSIs, among the sick, give preference to the poorest of the sick and to those groups that are socially excluded or marginalized, offering them equitable access to appropriate and quality healthcare services.

sensitive and open to the new signs of the times

10. The CSIs are sensitive and open to the new signs of the times, particularly in the world of health, by regularly assessing their programs and strategies. As a living, dynamic and provisory entity, the CSIs update, transform or even alienate if it is no longer meaningful and relevant.

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