

U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review

Decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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Catholic Charities of Central Texas
Office of Immigrant Concerns

Date: **MARCH 28, 2002**

(Austin, TX)

Request for recognition as a nonprofit religious, charitable, or
social service organization pursuant to title 8, Section
292.2(a), Code of Federal Regulations

Applicant

An applicant, on Form EOIR-31, was submitted by Catholic Charities of Central Texas, Office of Immigrant Concerns requesting recognition under 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(a). The application will be approved.

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(a), a nonprofit religious, charitable, social service, or similar organization established in the United States may be recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals. Such an organization must establish to the satisfaction of the Board that it makes only nominal charges that it assesses no excessive membership dues for persons given assistance, and that it has at its disposal adequate knowledge, information, and experience in immigration law and procedure.

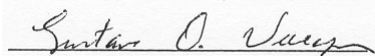
Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(b), an organization seeking recognition must file an application with the Board, along with proof that a copy of the application was served on the appropriate district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The district director has 30 days to submit a recommendation to the Board, or to request a specified period of time in which to conduct an investigation or otherwise obtain relevant information regarding the applicant. A copy of the application was served on the district director, who has recommended approval.

After reviewing the applicant's request, we are satisfied that the applicant sets only nominal charges, assesses no excessive membership dues for persons given assistance, and that it has at its disposal adequate knowledge, information, and experience in immigration law and procedure. We accordingly find that the applicant is qualified for recognition under 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(a), so that approval of the application is warranted.

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Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(b), an organization recognized under 8 C.F.R. § 292.2(a) may apply for accreditation of persons of good moral character to act as its representatives. Any such application should be filed with the Board, along with proof of service of a copy of the application on the appropriate district director.

ORDER: The application is approved.



FOR THE BOARD