

# **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Records CMS.113**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Creator</b>	Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc..
<b>Creator</b>	Kerwin, Donald, 1961-
<b>Title</b>	Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Records
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1980-2008
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	Bulk, 1980-2008 1980-2008
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Linear feet
<b>Location note</b>	CMS.113 is housed at the Center for Migration Studies, 306 East 60th Street, Third Floor, New York, New York 10022
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	Most of the material in CMS.113 is in English, with one pamphlet, Justice for Newcomers, translated into Spanish.
<b>Abstract</b>	The Catholic Legal Immigration Network Records documents the activities of an agency that applied Catholic social teaching to the issue of immigration into the United States. The records cover the period from 2001 to 2008 and consist entirely of publications. Most were generated by the agency itself, but there is also a file of copies of publications by Executive Director Don Kerwin that appeared in journals across the country.

<b>Preferred Citation note</b>
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## Biographical/Historical note

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CLINIC is an expression of a long history of American Catholic organizational development. Initially, each see was a place unto itself, and its ordinary identified and met charitable needs. When the United States entered World War I, the American hierarchy organized the National Catholic War Council so that Catholics across the country might be organized together to assist the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization that was first in the field of assisting the troops. The war experience proved the usefulness of having a national structure to address common problems, and the hierarchy reorganized their war effort as the National Catholic Welfare Council, keeping the same initials. At the Vatican's request the hierarchy changed the name to National Catholic Welfare Conference, "Council" implying a greater degree of legislative power than the agency actually had. In 1922, the NCWC opened its Bureau of Immigration, which was charged with lobbying in Washington for immigration legislation that more faithfully reflected Christian teaching, and with providing hands-on care for immigrants at their ports of entry. The Bureau of Immigration, had four offices: its main one in Washington, D.C., and field offices in El Paso, Texas, New York harbor and, briefly, Philadelphia. Over the next generation, however, ordinaries, religious orders and lay people organized their own groups to address local immigration concerns. In 1968, the American hierarchy overhauled its national organization. As part of that overhaul, the hierarchy established the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) as a national office for immigration and a support for these myriad local efforts. Reflecting its national reach, CLINIC's headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

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## Scope and Contents note

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CMS.113 documents the activities of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), which was founded in 1968 to support Catholic efforts in the field of immigration nationwide. The collection consists of publications, most of them generated by CLINIC but some published by its then Executive Director, Don Kerwin, in scholarly and Catholic publications. The collection documents CLINIC's vision of its work and provides some examples of CLINIC in action.

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## Arrangement note

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The collection consists of one series, the material deposited in 2008; it is anticipated that CLINIC will make other deposits that will become subsequent series. The series consists of five folders, arranged

alphabetically: 1. Annual Reports 2. Deed of Gift 3. Kerin, Don (copies of his publications) 4. National Migration Conference, 2003, 2008 5. Policy Paper: Justice for Newcomers/ Justicia para los recién llegados

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

Open to researchers by appointment.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

CMS.113 came to the Center for Migration Studies in September 2008 courtesy of CLINIC's Maura Collins.

### **Processing Information note**

In 2013, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS. Folder titles in the container list online may vary from the the physical folder titles.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Subject(s)**

- Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church.

## 2008 Deposit

## Collection Inventory

2008 Deposit		
	Box	Folder
Annual Reports 2001-2007	1	1
Deed of Gift 2008	1	2
Kerwin, Don 2004-2008	1	3
<b>Bibliography of articles by Don Kerwin</b>		
<p>"America's Children," <i>America</i> 197:8 (Septembr 24, 2007), 10-13.</p> <p>"A Catholic Perspective on Migrants and Newcomers," <i>Origins</i> 36:28 (December 21, 2006), 444-449. "Catholic Social Teaching on Migration on the 40th Anniversary of Pacem in Terris," <i>Journal of Catholic Social Thought</i> 1:1 (2004), 129-136. "Due Process for immigrants," <i>ACSBlog: The Blog of the American Constitution Society</i> (2008 May 29). "Immigrants and the Church in the United States Today," <i>Origins</i> 34:42 (April 7, 2005). "Immigration Reform and the Catholic Church," <i>MIP: Migration Policy Institute</i> (2006 May 1). "Justice for Immigrants: A Faith-based Perspective," <i>New Americans: Published by Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees</i> 5:2 (Fall 2006). Two copies.</p> <p>"Revisiting the Need for Appointed Counsel," <i>MPI: Migration Policy Institute</i> 4 (April 2005), 1-17. "U.S. Immigration Policy and the 'Rule of Law,'" <i>ACSBlog: The Blog of the American Constitution Society</i> (2008 June 9). "The Use and Misuse of 'National Security' Rationale in Crafting u.S. Refugee and Immigration Policies," <i>International Journal of Refugee Law</i> 17 (2005), 749-763. With Margaret D. Stock. "The Role</p>		

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of Immigration in a Coordinated National Security Policy," Georgetown Immigration Law journal 21:3 (Spring 2007). With Charles Wheeler.  
 "The Case for Legalization, Lessons from 1986, Recommendations for the Future," Center for Migration Studies Occasional Papers Issues in Migration Series no. 1 (2004)

National Migration Conference 2003, 2008	1	4
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Policy Paper: Justice for Newcomers/ Justicia para los recién llegados" 2005	1	5
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