ST. THOMAS MORE & ASSOCIATES (STMA)

WHO WE ARE

St. Thomas More & Associates (STMA) is *the socio-political program of Missio Amare*. We envision a society where the *pursuit of corporate and government affairs is guided by Gospel values*, bringing Christ's transforming love especially to the poor, the weak, and the oppressed.

WE AIM TO:

- Promote ***good governance*** in corporate and government institutions
- Advocate ***morality, justice and peace*** in the human resource structure of private and public organizations
- Deepen the ***value-grounding of people*** by establishing support groups in organizations
- Uphold, defend and promote the ***dignity and fundamental rights*** of the human person, and
- Contribute to the ***reform of the temporal order*** (that is, orienting our earthly life towards eternal life).

WHAT WE DO

To fulfill our mission, we derive our values from the ***Catholic Social Teaching*** and engage in the following:

- **Government Corporate Fellowship (GCF)**, where we contribute to the government's Moral Recovery Program (MRP), and work for more committed Christians in government service
- **Advocacy & STMA Forum**, where resource persons are invited to dissect current socio-political issues, from which, informed action and advocacy are anchored.
- **Legal/paralegal assistance**, arbitration, and representation through a network of credible lawyers, especially in support of Missio Amare advocacies such as the Isaiah 61:1 or the Prison Ministry.

- **Youth Involvement**, where we instill among the youth the importance of good citizenship and political participation through training, awareness campaigns, leadership development, and immersion.
- **Support for the Catholic Church** on issues of national concern, *where we mount legislative engagements* in line with our primary advocacies, which include Pro-life, Pro-family, good governance, and moral recovery.
- **Training and teaching** on values formation, responsible citizenship, good governance, and voters' education in line with the Catholic Social Teaching.
- **Partnerships and Network building**. A good Christian is also a good citizen: thus, we partner with like-minded schools of governance/institutions and movements for transformation towards a renewed integral evangelization of the society. STMA participates in non-partisan efforts to support the appointment of committed Christians in government.

We are called to a vocation by God in whatever we do, wherever we are. Through engagement with the citizens, government workers, professionals and institutions, we at St. Thomas More & Associates aim to help bring Christ's transforming love especially to the poor, the weak, and the oppressed.

In working for the "***renewal of the socio-political arena***", STMA will endeavor to expand "spaces for dialogue" to provide the seedbed for co-creating values-based programs and projects for the common good, both at the grassroots as well as at the national levels.

