

7th September, 2018

To
Sean Callahan
President and CEO
Catholic Relief Services
Baltimore, USA

Dear Sean and Friends at Catholic Relief Services, USA

Greetings from Caritas India!

It is a great joy to know that Catholic Relief Services – the humanitarian and social developing arm of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of USA is fruitfully completing 75 years of its commendable services to humanity across the globe. On this joy-filled occasion, Bishop Lumen Monteiro, the Chairman of Caritas India, me and all my colleagues in Caritas India take this opportunity to express our words of congratulations, appreciation and gratitude to CRS for the past several decades of our bilateral partnership and collaboration.

75 years of uninterrupted human and humane services is quite a long period and a historic milestone for a humanitarian Organization. It certainly gives an Organization a great feeling of achievement and satisfaction. At this juncture, Caritas India joins CRS for thanking the Good Lord for all the blessings the poor people around the world have received through the committed and praiseworthy services of CRS and for championing the cause of human dignity of the poor and marginalized in the different third world countries including India.

During these past 75 years, CRS had generously reached out to and supported Caritas India, the different dioceses in India and numerous other Civil Society Organizations of India as a concrete expression of solidarity and affection towards the poor and needy. Caritas India's journey with CRS in these past years has been mutually enriching and deeply satisfying. This partnership cemented on the Principles of Solidarity and Subsidiarity has helped Caritas India in numerous ways and indeed has strengthened our hands in the empowerment and holistic development of millions of people in India.

Caritas India has been serving the people of India for the last 56 years, taking inspiration from Catholic Social Teachings and the inspiring messages from the Church's Hierarchy. Besides providing humanitarian aid to the communities affected by disasters (such as floods, cyclones, tsunami, landslides, earthquakes), with the support of CRS, Caritas India has been able to work closely with the marginalized communities in the fields of climate adaptive agriculture, education, nutrition, disaster preparedness, safe migration, anti-human trafficking, food sovereignty, environment protection and peace building.

We wish all the best for the future endeavors of CRS and sincerely wish to continue our bilateral and mutually complementing partnership and collaborative efforts with CRS in India in the years ahead.

With best wishes and solidarity,



Fr. Paul Moonjely
Executive Director
Caritas India