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Mr Sean Callahan
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Dear Mr. Sean Callahan,
RE: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRS

Greetings from the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference.

On behalf of the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference and the people of the Republic of Zimbabwe, I congratulate Catholic Relief Services as you celebrate the 75th anniversary of outstanding service to God and His people throughout the world.

At the invitation of the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference, Catholic Relief Services has been supporting humanitarian and developmental efforts in Zimbabwe since 1989 and our partnership has continued for almost three decades now. The conference acknowledges the technical and financial support rendered by Catholic Relief Services in pursuit of a reconciled Zimbabwean society living in good health, harmony, justice and peace.

Since 1989, Catholic Relief Services has remained a resolute partner of the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference and its various structures throughout the country. As the stewards in God's Vineyard, the conference has partnered with Catholic Relief Services and its structures in working with all men, women, youth and children regardless of their religion, political or any other persuasions to manifest the Kingdom of God in Zimbabwe. This has been mainly through ministering to the fundamental pastoral, health, educational (including civic education), livelihoods and developmental needs of the people of Zimbabwe. We in a special manner acknowledge the support the Church in Zimbabwe received over the past three decades in responding to emergencies during successive droughts and national elections, which both in our case unfortunately are a matter of life and death. Together, we have been able to save lives.

Catholic Relief Services has played a critical role in capacitating all the ZCBC commissions in adopting and implementing the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards which have improved the Church's efficiency, transparency, accountability and effectiveness in addressing the needs of the people in Zimbabwe.

Inspired by the Gospel values and guided by the Catholic Social Teachings, we look forward to continued solidarity between the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference and Catholic Relief Services. The conference once again congratulates Catholic Relief Services as it marks 75 years of work excellence and solidarity with the Universal Church and those in need globally. On the occasion of this special event in our history, we thank God and celebrate our common mission and collaborative efforts to contribute to positive change to the lives of vulnerable people.

Yours faithfully,

+Robert C. Ndlovu
Archbishop of Harare
President of the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops' Conference

