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Dear Mr. Callahan,

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

“Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 1:2) to our brothers and sisters at the Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Catholic Relief Services (1943 – 2018) I send you, on behalf of the Bishops of Sierra Leone, our congratulations and gratitude to God Almighty, for the humanitarian and development assistance you render to communities all over the world.

We express our sentiments of gratitude to the Bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and all the staff and collaborators of the Catholic Relief Services for your selfless and dedicated service to God and His people.

Sierra Leone has benefitted from the presence and solidarity of CRS since 1963. These efforts have been focused on education, health, emergency response and peace building among others. In a special way we acknowledge the contribution of CRS during the 11-year civil war, the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) and the twin disasters of the mudslide and flooding in Freetown. For 55 years, we have been witnesses to stories of faith and action, care and commitment, without regard to religion, region or tribe.
On such a momentous occasion, we are called to live anew the commandment of charity. “I give you a new commandment ... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13: 34). From this rich treasure of wisdom, we pray that nations and individuals shall build a just society and strive towards holiness amidst the challenges of our times.

May the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Relief Services be for all a moment of blessings and grace in a bid to recommit ourselves to a shared vision of the Catholic Social Teachings that inspire action especially for poor and needy communities.

With prayerful best wishes I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Charles A. M. Campbell
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