



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Prayer for the CCHD 50th Anniversary

Loving God,

As we celebrate 50 years of the gift of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, we pause with grateful hearts, full of the recognition that all good gifts come from you.

We recognize that the good work accomplished over these 50 years is done through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit which rouses us from our cynicism,
stirs us out of complacency,
and moves us to respond to injustice.

It is your love which moves us to dismantle systems of oppression
and illuminates the path forward for our families and communities.

We pray in gratitude for 50 years of solidarity, motivated by that same Spirit,
calling us to lift up the weary,
to love our neighbor,
and to welcome the stranger.

We pray in gratitude for 50 years of prophetic leadership.
Especially those leaders who have shared the Gospel message in both word and deed,
leading others by their joyful examples.

We pray in gratitude for 50 years of “yes” that comes from myriad of leaders in our communities,
each one stepping up to lead when called by the Spirit,
when called by their communities,
when called by the need they saw in their neighbors’ eyes.

Let us stand proudly upon the shoulders of each of these leaders who have come before us.
Let us move together to continue a legacy of standing together.
Let us be alive in the Spirit that will bring forth communities filled with true peace and your justice.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen