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FRATERNAL GREETINGS FROM THE GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

On the occasion of your 70th Anniversary, the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference (GCBC) is pleased to convey these words of felicitations to you.

The operations of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Ghana over the years have strengthened the fraternal relations between the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference (GCBC) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Over the past 70 years, the partnership between the Catholic Relief Services and the Local Church in different sectors of development has had tremendous influence not only on the local communities where CRS operates but on national policy. For example, the *School Feeding Programme* which was pioneered by CRS in the northern part of Ghana has been embraced into a national policy and extended across the country.

While we join you to celebrate your achievements over the past 70 years, we, the members of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference, wish to urge you to brace yourselves for the challenges of the years ahead.

We are aware of your new agency strategy for 2014-2018 with key areas such as

- Emergency Response and Recovery
- Agricultural Livelihoods
- Health

We look forward to a continuous collaboration with you in these key areas of the new strategy. We would like to assure you that we will work with you in a spirit of fraternity and co-responsibility to see how best our two organisations can work together for the fruitful implementation of the new strategy to help bring joy and love to all, especially the most deprived and vulnerable.

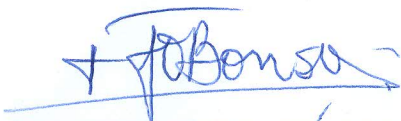
On this august occasion, the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference wishes CRS the best of luck in the years ahead. We pledge our support and collaboration.

Long live CRS, Long live the USCCB – GCBC Relationship.

Long live CRS-NCS Partnership.



Once again, congratulations! Ad Multos Annos!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Osei-Bonsu', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

MOST REV. JOSEPH OSEI-BONSU
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PRESIDENT, GHANA CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE