



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

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To the Department for Persons with Disabilities:

As President of Catholic Charities USA, it is my privilege to congratulate you, on behalf of our national network, on your 50th anniversary of serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in your community.

The work of the Department for Persons with Disabilities, as well as all of the programs of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, is an important and inspiring example of what it means to truly live out the words of Christ and “love your neighbor as yourself.”

The nine group homes and two supervised apartments you operate throughout Morris, Sussex, and Passaic Counties provide a place of welcome, support, and assistance for adults with disabilities. This work is so critical in building a society that ensures that all of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their physical or intellectual abilities, are treated with the respect and inherent dignity of a child of God. The work of programs like Catholic Adult Religious Education (C.A.R.E) also provide a vital ministry, tending to the spiritual needs of residents and helping them recognize God’s presence in their lives. Your work encourages people of all abilities and developmental levels to become full and active members of their community.

President and CEO
Sr. Donna Markham, OP, Ph.D.

I congratulate you on your 50 years of service, and encourage you to continue to be a leader in responding to the needs of those at risk and vulnerable in our midst. Know of my prayers, and those of the entire Catholic Charities network, and of my sincere wishes for a joyous and meaningful celebration of the many lives you’ve changed over the past half-century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sr. Donna Markham OP, Ph.D." in a cursive script.

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