

1952

Fr Anthony Khaw in the Simee New Village Ipoh, with the assistance from Catholic Relief Services-USA distributed food items, to those people who were displaced from their farms and were homeless. He also collaborated with Brothers of Mercy, offering medical services. This was the start of Catholic Welfare Services (CWS) as part of the Church's expression for welfare and charity to people in need. Fr Anthony is also the founder for the Home @ Kg Simee for the homeless elderly which runs till today. It was the 1st CWS project.



AOHD (Archdiocesan Office for Human Development) Timeline

1973

Rev. Fr. Pierre Gauthier, MEP took over as the second Director of CWS. He retired in December 1989 as the Director of CWS / NOHD. He was responsible for the growth of CWS/NOHD over the years



1978

CWS set up the National Office for Human Development (NOHD) because its aim was the development of all peoples, so that they can exercise their responsibility and live with dignity as human beings. NOHD also focused on Advocacy and Formation in the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church as a priority.

Thus, NOHD set up its National Secretariat in Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur.



1987

Bro. Rogers was arrested under the "Ops Lalang" for using Lenten Campaign among other charges to focus on injustice in the country. The Archbishop Soter Fernandez, wrote a Pastoral letter to explain the stand of the Church on service to the Poor and promotion of Justice, based on the teachings of the Church.

1989

Bro Rogers was appointed as 3rd Director for CWS/NOHD and served until 2007.



1995

AOHD was set up with a separate Board of Management. The process of Awareness-Reflection-Action was initiated by NOHD staff involving collaborators and affiliate. With the growing need, many projects were initiated such as the Feeding Program, the Drop-in Centre for the Poor and Migrants, a Learning Centre for those with Special Needs, a Home for People with AIDS/HIV in 1998 and a women's desk amongst others.

1991

Archbishop Soter signs the Terms of Reference (TOR), for the setting up for the Board of Management for the Archdiocesan Office for Human Development (AOHD). The TOR was then used to structure the new office. However only in 2005, the AOHD-KL Secretariat was set up under the guidance of Archbishop Murphy Pakiam.

2001

The adoption of Programme Approach and Strategic Planning took place in 1991, but this was fully implemented in stages in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur. Thus AOHD becoming actively involved, in setting in place various programs and projects, followed by the two other dioceses, and also in Sabah and Sarawak. When Bro Rogers retired 2005, the projects, Welcome Home, Batu Arang opened in 1997, Caring services Feeding Program started in 1998, Official opening of Special Needs Center and Carl's kitchen Feeding program in 2001 and many others were already running.

1956

As the needs grew, CWS was given Tax Exemption and upgraded to the Status of a Welfare Institution in Malaya, which allowed donors to claim tax exemption and indirectly help to promote the works of charity of the Church

1976

The Aggiornamento for Clergy in Peninsular Malaysia was for the renewal and reform of the Church based on the Vatican Council II and its Pastoral Directions. As part of the response for updating, CWS incorporated Charity, Development, and Justice and Peace as part of its mandate.



1981

The Lenten Campaign was organized by NOHD and Bro. Rogers was recruited and was responsible for implementing the Annual Lenten Campaign and Formation.

2005

The AOHD was handed over from NOHD with the new Office at the Community Services Bukit Nanas to Fr Mitchell as the new Director in January.



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2005

Rev. Fr. Mitchel Anthony takes over as director of AOHD, expanding with more ministries and forming Parish Integral Human Development Ministries (PIHDM) in parishes across the Archdiocese. He also started a newsletter as a way to encourage more to volunteer and get involved either at the parish level or at the Archdiocese.



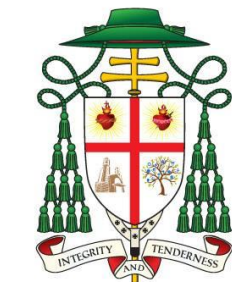
DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING
INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

2017

The Holy Father created a new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development which assumed the works of the former Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace of which the AOHD was affiliated to since its inception. AOHD falls under the direct channel of this new dicastery in Rome under Cardinal Peter Turkson.

2020

Archbishop Julian appointed Mdm Teo Kar Im as the first lay and first female director of AOHD in line with Pope Francis' move to have more female leaders heading church offices/dicasteries



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2023

The Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur is structured into 10 Commissions with AOHD being the Commission for Human Development. The TOR is updated to give the director more authority within the Archdiocese.

2016

In July 2016, Rev. Fr. Bernard Hyacinth, SJ was appointed as the next director of AOHD upon his returned to Malaysia after working with refugees all over the world for the past 25 years.



2020

Rev. Fr. George Harrison was appointed to serve the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development under the Roman Curia in the Vatican until his return in 2023.



Archbishop Julian appoints Rev. Fr. Albet Arockiasamy as the Ecclesiastical Assistant (EA) to AOHD in 2020

2023

In March 2023, Archbishop Julian appoints Dr. Gary Liew as the new director of AOHD, making him the first lay male who is not a clergy/religious to the position. He also becomes the youngest director of any Commission/Office within the Archdiocese of KL. Under his tenure he realigns the 8 Ministries under AOHD and restructured the Board of Management after 3 decades to now have the respective EAs of the various ministries as board members, a role that was held by the laity up to this point.

