

FOCOLARE MOVEMENT GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION – 1963-2013

PRAYER

Eternal Father, rich in mercy and source of every good, we thank you for the great gift of the charism of unity, which fifty years ago you freely gave to Cameroon from where it spread to all of Africa. In this Golden Jubilee Celebration, increase our faith in you. Never allow us to grow tired of placing our hope in you. Our gaze and thanks go to the pioneers of this divine adventure: Chiara, Bishop Julius Peeters and Fon Defang who handed over to us your immense love for all your children.

Jesus, living among us, you enable us to found the Christian community in the spirit of love and unity. On the cross you redeemed us with your Abandonment; make us always ready to start again with humility in love towards you in every neighbour. Present in our midst help us to understand how to live and love you in the challenges and burdens of life so that everything may contribute to Universal Brotherhood. May we be your witnesses inspired by those who have gone before us: focolarini, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, families, young people.

Holy Spirit you prepared the people of Shisong and Njinikom to welcome those who came to live in their communities. You moved the Bangwa people first and then many others to welcome the spirit of love and unity. Enkindle your fire of charity in all our communities that Jesus may live in their midst and everyone may become a zealous apostle of his Testament “that all may be one”.

Mary, our Mother, Queen of all Saints and Patroness of Cameroon, accompany us with your maternal love in our holy journey.

Amen.