

# Ministry Overview

## Empowering Catholic Churches and Ministries to Help the Poorest of the Poor Worldwide

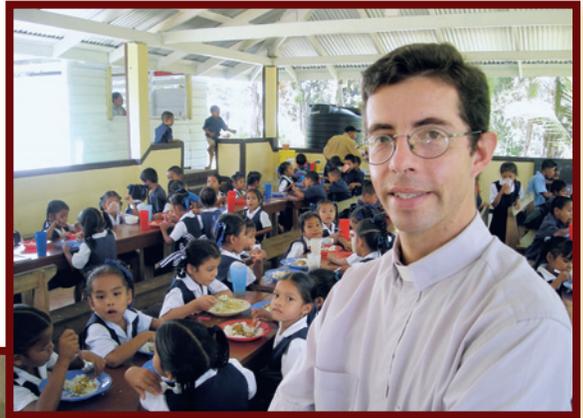
Hunger and poverty are constant companions to millions of people in developing countries where jobs and resources are scarce, and struggling governments can't provide basic services such as water, sanitation, education and medical care. As a result, countless men, women and children suffer needlessly from chronic malnourishment, preventable diseases, homelessness, illiteracy and the despair of passing their poverty on to the next generation.

In these areas of the world, the Church remains a beacon of hope to the poor. Catholic priests, nuns and lay leaders in developing countries demonstrate Christ's love by striving to meet the needs of the poor in their midst.

Unfortunately, these servants of God lack the resources they need to respond to these impoverished communities effectively. They need a partner — Cross Catholic Outreach — to help them meet the needs. With the financial support of compassionate American Catholics, Cross Catholic Outreach fills this important role by providing the specific resources these Catholic leaders need to achieve their goals.

Together, Cross Catholic Outreach, its benefactors in the U.S., and its overseas ministry partners, are able to provide food to the hungry; safe water to the thirsty; medical aid to the suffering; shelter to the homeless; and hope, in the form of educational opportunities and self-help projects, to those struggling to break out of the cycle of poverty.

As an official Catholic organization, Cross Catholic Outreach (formerly known as Cross International Catholic Outreach) is registered with the Diocese of Palm Beach and is listed on page 992 of the 2012 Official Catholic Directory. Cross Catholic Outreach also has a collaborative relationship with *Cor Unum*, the Vatican's relief agency in Rome, enabling the charity to respond to natural disasters around the world with rapid emergency relief.



### *Our Mission*

*We are a Catholic ministry that serves the poorest of the poor internationally by channeling aid through dioceses, parishes and Catholic missionaries, cost-effectively helping the poor break the cycle of poverty while advancing Catholic evangelization.*

**You can help us impart this message of love and mission of mercy by hosting a Cross Catholic Outreach Priest at your parish this year. Call (800) 914-2420 to schedule a visit today!**