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Mr James Cavnar
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Dear Mr Cavnar,

I am very aware of the work and ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach from my predecessor, Archbishop Hebda, knowing that he has served on your organization's Board of Directors. I know priests in the Diocese are also familiar with Cross Catholic and the good work you do on behalf of the poor in our world.

Furthermore, I appreciated learning from Msgr Bertagni's letter to me the news that Cross Catholic Outreach's canonical statutes were approved by Pontifical Council *Cor Unum*. This event signifies your ministry's mission as one which responds to our Holy Father's call to be missionaries and advocates for the poor.

Your ministry exemplifies the charitable work of the Church and the call for New Evangelization. Ministries such as yours serve as a model for the laity to engage in works of mercy while remembering the mercy shown us by our Heavenly Father.

I would like to join with my brother bishops who support your work and encourage you to be witnesses to the Gospel. Be assured of my prayers for God's blessings for your ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Steven J Raica".

Most Reverend Steven J Raica
Bishop of Gaylord