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Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni,

Thank you for the work of Cross Catholic Outreach, helping to provide the most basic of human needs while offering hope in the name of the Catholic community. You provide the poorest of the poor with food, water, medicines, clothing, shelter, and self-help programs, working directly with the bishops, priests, religious and lay leaders who serve in those countries.

I am happy to endorse the work of Cross Catholic Outreach, for you are truly putting the Gospel into action. Your parish visits build a link between the Church in our country and the Church in developing countries, helping our parishioners to develop a true missionary spirit.

I am sure that some of the pastors of the Diocese of Austin will be open to have you come and replace them on weekends as you give their parishioners a better understanding of Cross Catholic Outreach. As you know, that decision is left to the judgment of each pastor.

Be assured of my prayers and gratitude for you and for all those involved in your organization. May God bless your efforts on behalf of the poor worldwide.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez
Bishop of Austin