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Saint Francis of Assisi

Dear Friends in Christ,

Allow me this opportunity to introduce you to Cross Catholic Outreach. Founded to provide for the most basic of human needs, Cross Catholic Outreach serves the neediest throughout the world in the name of the Catholic community. Providing the needy with food, water, medicines, clothing, and shelter, Cross works directly with priests, religious, and members of the lay faithful who operate overseas social ministries. Cross has entered into a special relationship with the Pontifical Council COR UNUM, the relief agency of the Holy See. Both share the belief that charity enables us to see Jesus Christ in the needy.

Many of us may never visit the Third World and look into the faces of the poor, or see first-hand the bloated stomachs and emaciated bodies of the starving, or experience the haunting loneliness caused by deprivation. But we can do something about it by helping those who daily work to relieve to the desperately needy. This we can do not only by reaching out to them through prayer, but also by supporting the good work of Cross.

I am pleased to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach. It is my hope that all clergy will become familiar with Cross* and its outreach, and share its message with their parishioners. Knowledge of the exceptional work of Cross Catholic Outreach in aiding the poor can help parishes to achieve a deeper awareness of need in the Third World and to develop a true missionary spirit.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore

* More information about Cross Catholic Outreach is available at www.crosscatholic.org or by calling 1-800-914-2420.