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Dear Mr. Cavnar,

It is my privilege as the President of the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* to represent the Holy Father in offering signs of His compassion for those who suffer. In this position, my travels have taken me to far-reaching parts of the world and I can attest that the needs are great. Whether in Haiti, the drought-stricken Sahel countries of sub-Saharan African or the ongoing conflict in Syria, I have personally witnessed the growing numbers of our brothers and sisters who go without the basic necessities of life, often without a foreseeable end.

In the face of such pressing needs, many look to the Holy Father for both spiritual and material help. As President of the Vatican Dicastery responsible for His charitable solicitude, I wish to encourage the possibilities for aid that come from our collaboration with *Cross Catholic Outreach*. Such help is a most commendable expression of the Catholic Church's care for the poor and needy, making manifest the charity of Christ. Through the outreach made possible by our collaboration, we achieve this object of service in ways that impact directly the lives of the suffering in many parts of the world — for example, feeding the hungry, providing medicines to the sick, responding to the needs of refugees, being a support in times of natural disaster.

The aid supplied through the relationship between the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* and *Cross Catholic Outreach* is so arranged that it provide a *direct* and *immediate* response to emergency situations and to human and Christian development. We hope that even more can be accomplished in the years ahead, and so encourage *Cross Catholic Outreach* to remain a resolute advocate for the poor through parish visits, educational programs, and other activities. This is an effective way for American Catholics to know about serious needs worldwide, and be given a reliable channel to become personally involved through prayer and financial support. Indeed, the Holy See has unique knowledge of local situations and trusted channels for making financial aid available with minimal overhead costs through its papal representatives in almost 200 countries and Bishops who care for the poor and needy in every corner of the world.

May God bless all at Cross Catholic Outreach and our benefactors as we continue to bring the charity of Christ to concrete realization throughout the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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