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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni,

Thank you for the update on the mission and activities of Cross Catholic Outreach. The service that Cross Catholic Outreach provides to the poor and needy throughout the developing world is a great witness to Jesus Christ and his love for the poor and suffering.

The Holy Father explained in his Lenten Message for 2013: "Christians are people who have been conquered by Christ's love and accordingly, under the influence of that love, they are profoundly open to loving their neighbor in concrete ways." You share this 'conquering love' of Christ through the food, clothing, medical care, education and economic opportunities you make available to those in need.

Further, your partnering and collaboration with many different organizations in many countries, from parishes and religious orders to the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum*, is an authentic and inspiring display of the unity of the Catholic Church and the real solidarity among her children.

I wholeheartedly support the efforts of Cross Catholic Outreach, and I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your ministries and services dedicated to the poorest of the poor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver