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Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni  
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni:

It was good to receive your letter regarding Cross Catholic Outreach and to be reminded of our conversation through St. John Vianney Seminary many years ago. Thank you for your ministry in support of the poor throughout the world.

The work of Cross Catholic Outreach in responding to the needs of the impoverished in Third World countries is well-documented. But I also know of your support of areas in the United States whose people have been victimized by natural disasters. Your commitment to reach out to the poor and powerless wherever they may be speaks a much needed message of the presence of Jesus in their midst. I wholeheartedly support your efforts.

May God continue to bless the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach and your effort to share your message with parishes throughout our country. That process of education is invaluable in creating an awareness of our relationship with the universal Church — and in generating resources to assist other local churches throughout the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard E. Pates", preceded by a small cross symbol.

Most Reverend Richard E. Pates  
Bishop of Des Moines