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Dear Monsignor Bertagni:

In a recent meeting with Father Farrell McLaughlin, a senior priest of the Diocese of Providence, I had the opportunity of learning a great deal about the work of **Cross Catholic Outreach**. Father McLaughlin also provided some very useful printed information for me.

I must say that I am quite impressed by the scope and the organization of your work that assists the poor across the globe. It is my understanding the donations you collect allow you to provide much-needed material assistance to many people who depend solely on the grace of God and the generosity of their brothers and sisters for their survival. This assistance, I am told, includes food, water, medical care, housing and educational opportunities.

Pope Francis has famously said that "Mercy is a verb, not a noun." Indeed in the work of Cross Catholic Outreach, you are putting mercy and charity into action, and for that you have my admiration and support.

Please be assured of my prayers for the continued success of your good and important ministry.

Sincerely yours,

+Thomas J. Tobin

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