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Office of the Bishop

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Mr. James Cavnar  
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Cross Catholic Outreach  
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Dear Mr. Cavnar:

Your wonderful ministry was made known to me through the visit Monsignor Ted Bertagni had with Mrs. Helene E. Paharik, Associate General Secretary for the Diocese, who explained the work and mission of Cross Catholic Outreach, further detailing the scope of your ministry and how you are reaching the poorest of the poor in dioceses throughout the world.

I was interested also to learn of your collaboration with *Cor Unum*, our Holy Father's charity, and subsequently, that Cross Catholic Outreach has recently received Papal approval of your canonical statutes. I am heartened to see how your organization works with the greater Church in her work of the New Evangelization. Indeed, the scope and mission for the poorest of the poor is impressive.


As we celebrate the many works of mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, your ministry work will be especially important as the Church strives to embody Christ's mercy for each of us and proclaim it throughout the world.

It is my honor to join with my brother bishops in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach's mission. Be assured of my prayers for you as you go about assisting the poorest of our sisters and brothers.

May the Lord bless your ministry, and especially bless those whom you serve.

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik  
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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cc: Mrs. Helene E. Paharik