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Mr. James Cavnar
President
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Dear Mr. Cavnar,

For some time now I have noted the wonderful ministry that Cross Catholic Outreach has provided to some of the poorest of the poor throughout the world. Msgr. Ted Bertagni gave a presentation to the students at the Pontifical North American College in Rome while I served on the faculty there. He explained the mission and ministry of your organization and your work to reach so many who are poor in our world.

I am also aware of the Papal approval of your canonical statutes, a sign of your collaboration with the universal Church in her work of the New Evangelization. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, your ministry is especially important as the Church strives to follow the lead of Pope Francis and reflect Christ's mercy for each of us and proclaim it throughout the world.

Many of our people are scarcely aware of the plight of the poorest of the poor in the world today. Thus your ministry offers the opportunity for Catholics in the U.S. to be aware of the Church's ministry of charity and evangelization throughout the world.

I am happy to endorse the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach in assisting those who care for the poorest of our brothers and sisters. Your work gives direct assistance on behalf of Catholics throughout the United States to those who need it the most. Yours in truly a most excellent work of mercy!

May the Lord continue to bless you in His service, and especially may He bless the poorest of the poor, whom you serve.

Be assured of our prayers here in the Diocese of Grand Island!

In Christ, our Hope,

Most Rev. Joseph G. Hanefeldt
Bishop of Grand Island