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The Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni,

Upon arriving in Lake Charles as its new bishop, one of my first pastoral visits was to Cameron Civil Parish, the area of greatest devastation from Hurricane Rita in our diocese. There I learned that four churches had been destroyed or seriously damaged. The population was slowly moving back. I was encouraged to learn of the many gifts that had been made, particularly by Cross Catholic Outreach.

Your Organization's gift of \$50,000 was a great help, particularly because the donation was open for use as we saw fit given our present needs. I know the work of Cross Catholic Outreach with the poorest dioceses in the world. I was unaware until recently of your work in areas of the United States where natural disaster had occurred.

What a blessing your kind contribution was! Please know of our appreciation. The Church is there to help, and your generosity has allowed us to begin re-establishing services, especially Mass, which remain a beacon of hope to our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.

I extend to you my best wishes and gratitude, as I remain

Devotedly yours in the Lord,

+Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles