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Mr. James Cavnar
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Dear Mr. Cavnar,

I have received the updated information about your fine ministry in the Catholic Church which aids the works of charity in Dioceses and with Catholic missionaries in the Developing World. You should be commended for your organization's partnering of the charitable works of the Church and the call for a New Evangelization.

By providing hope to the faithful overseas by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, delivering medical relief to the sick, shelter to the homeless and through self-help projects, you are embodying the Papal Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*. Your work with the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* is also a strong endorsement of your partnership with the work of the Universal Church and the charitable work of the Holy Father.

Pope Francis has taught us that we should be mindful of the poor and see the suffering Christ in them. Your ministry stands out as a bold example of that teaching. Also, by having a strong Board of Directors including 7 bishops and Cardinal O'Brien as your Patron, you reflect the transparency and accountability so necessary in charitable works today.

Your outreach to the Church in the United States to help educate our parishioners about the important missionary works and evangelization taking place in all corners of the globe is an important aspect of your ministry. By allowing our Catholic faithful to join in solidarity with the mission of the Church to spread the good news to all the world, you help promote the faith and encourage the corporal works of mercy.

I would highly recommend Cross Catholic Outreach, as so many of my brother bishops have done, and encourage your works with the Church both here and in the countries where aid is most needed.

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

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

cc: Monsignor Ted Bertagni