



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Monsignor Ted Bertagni  
Cross Catholic Outreach  
2700 North Military Trail  
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Boca Raton, FL 33427

Dear Msgr. Bertagni,

Thank you for the information you provided me about Cross Catholic Outreach. I especially appreciate your tireless work in promoting this organization and the efforts of the many priests, religious and lay people who carry out the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach in the field, often in dangerous and challenging conditions.

On the surface, Cross Catholic Outreach looks like many aid organizations that serve the poor through food assistance. On closer look, what many may not know is that it also builds homes for needy families in Haiti, delivers medical care to expectant mothers in Afghanistan, shelters sexually abused girls in Mozambique and provides vocational training for physically handicapped children in Uganda. By my count, Cross Catholic Outreach coordinates and provides support for nearly 90-such projects worldwide. And because you work through Catholic-based ministries, parishes and missions, the gospel of Christ is revealed to many, both in word and in deed, who would otherwise not have such an opportunity.

I commend everyone at Cross Catholic Outreach and pray for your success in combating poverty through practical assistance and evangelization.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Walker Nickless".

Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless  
Bishop of Sioux City

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