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Reverend Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni:

Thank you for the recent update on the efforts of Cross Catholic Outreach, especially within the context of *Cor Unum* and the new dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, carrying out charitable works to provide service to the poorest of the poor. In particular, I commend your commitment to working directly with those who are serving among those in most need.

In reviewing the various activities and mission of Cross Catholic Outreach, I am reminded of Pope Francis' words in his 2013 Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"): "This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us... We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them." (#198)

I join with my brother bishops in expressing my wholehearted gratitude and support for the witness of ministry and service provided by Cross Catholic Outreach to the world's poor. With assurances of my prayers and best wishes for you and all those involved in these most worthy efforts, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Charles C. Thompson*

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