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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni:

Many thanks for the packet of material regarding Cross International. I became aware of the organization last year while serving as temporary administrator of a parish on the south side of Chicago. One of your priests spoke at all the Masses one Sunday, and it was very enlightening for the parishioners, as well as myself, to learn about Cross and all that it does to serve God's poor.

My brother was a Missionary priest in Bangladesh for thirty-eight years. I visited him in 1956 and was astonished to see the squalid conditions under which so many people have to live. I thought I had seen poverty here in Chicago, but it is nothing compared to what I witnessed in my brother's mission.

You, of course, have seen similar poverty and probably worse in your travels with Cross International. I commend your organization for the wonderful way in which you bring the love of Christ to the poorest of the poor.

With prayers that God will continue to bless you and Cross International, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Bishop Goedert".

Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert