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Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni,

Thank you so much for taking the time to visit this past week to explain the work and the outreach of Cross International. I know that you recently preached at Holy Cross parish in the Colony, and that Cross International has visited other parishes in our Diocese.

I truly appreciate learning first hand the outreach of Cross International to encourage and foster the human and Christian growth of people in the areas where it is needed the most. I also believe that the Bishops Advisory Board and the connection with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum both ensures and guarantees the integrity and fruitfulness of its mission, which as your literature notes, is *"serving the poor worldwide by empowering Catholic parishes and ministries already in place overseas to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, deliver medical relief to the sick, supply shelter to the homeless and break the poor's cycle of poverty through the gift of an education and self-help projects."*

I also know that many of the Bishops in Texas think very highly and endorse the work and Mission of Cross International, as well as other Bishops whom I know from my days of graduate studies in Rome.

Please know of my prayers and support for this vital work in the name of Christ and in communion with His Church. I look forward to visiting personally again sometime, and would be happy to serve on your Advisory Board when there is an opening.

A blessed season of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD
Bishop of Fort Worth

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