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Reverend and dear Father,

Today, as you read this letter, an amazing thing is taking place in Haiti and countries throughout the Third World. A real and dynamic model for International Catholic unity has been launched that both strengthens the Church and provides tangible material aid to thousands of families in desperate need.

I am writing to ask you to join this effort – specifically, to support the work of Cross International Catholic Outreach by housing one of its Outreach Preachers at your parish on an upcoming weekend.

As the chairman for Cross International Catholic Outreach, I have been blessed to see the powerful and effective work being done by our Catholic parishes in Haiti and other poor countries, but I am also aware that many American Catholics are not familiar with the work being done by our sister parishes overseas. By hosting a preacher from Cross International Catholic Outreach, your parishioners can learn more about these missions through a presentation that is both informative and inspiring.

Funds contributed by United States parishes through this program enable Cross International Catholic Outreach to supply the food, medicines and other materials these Third World parishes need to help the poor in their communities.

As our staff at Cross International Catholic Outreach contacts parishes in your area scheduling visits for our preachers, I hope you will see this as a valuable opportunity to show solidarity with those parishes overseas and to help them expand their ministries to the poor. In advance, let me thank you for considering their request and for your willingness to become a part of this exciting outreach and the spirit of unity it represents.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Sam G. Jacobs  
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

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