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Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni:

I write to you to express my profound appreciation for the extraordinary support of Cross International Catholic Outreach. You were with us within a couple of weeks after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Archdiocese of New Orleans and some of the surrounding area as well. That expression of support, so quick, so heartfelt, so generous, meant more than I can say. I thank you for this expression of solidarity in our hour of need.

I want you to know that your unrestricted gift made it possible for us to address challenging issues that the more restricted gifts did not allow us the freedom to do. It made it possible for us to help pay salaries at a critical moment and contribute to the bricks and mortar needed in our rebuilding effort.

Thank you for being on the spot and for doing this in a way that allowed us to have the discretion on the local scene for the best way to respond.

May God bless you always for your compassionate support. May others be encouraged because of this to join with you in your outreach to those in need.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Most Rev. Alfred C. Hughes
Archbishop of New Orleans

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