



Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

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Mr. James Cavnar, President
Cross Catholic Outreach
2700 North Military Trail, Suite 240
Boca Raton, FL 33427

Dear Mr. Cavnar,

Some time ago I had the opportunity to meet with Msgr. Ted Bertagni, Director of Clergy and Diocesan Relations for Cross Catholic Outreach, who informed me of the great work Cross Catholic is doing for the poorest of the poor in Third World nations.

I wish to commend Cross Catholic Outreach for having, and acting upon, the true vision of Christian charity. Far from simply giving material assistance to those in need, Cross Catholic understands that the giver must be personally invested and present in his gift. In this way, the material act of providing food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education and economic opportunities becomes an encounter with the living Christ and a true moment of solidarity, in which all give and all receive. This is precisely the vision of Christian charity that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, articulated in his first Encyclical letter, "God is Love".

Cross also understand the importance of giving priority to efforts which empower the local church in these ministries, such that the works of charity become a means to evangelization, drawing others more intimately into the household of the faith and living lives conformed to Christ and his teachings.

I pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and your associates in carrying out the works of mercy, that you may bear fruit for His Kingdom as you bring joy to the lives of our poor brothers and sisters.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Salvatore Cordileone".

Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone
Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego