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*The Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni  
Director of Clergy and Diocesan Relations  
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni,

I am pleased to offer my personal commendation and support to Cross Catholic Outreach for the extensive missionary work accomplished in assisting the poorest of the poor in various countries throughout the world. As a member of the Board, I have witnessed the last difference that is made through this outreach endeavor.

Your collaboration with *Cor Unum*, the Pontifical Council for world-wide charitable assistance, is a sign of your authentic ecclesial mission and of the Church's solidarity with the poor.

It is my fervent hope and prayer that through the collaboration of Cross Catholic Outreach and the People of God in the United States, the suffering of the poor will be alleviated throughout the world.

With renewed appreciation for your service to the mission of the Church, and with the assurance of my prayers, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert  
Bishop of Allentown