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Reverend Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni,

Thank you for your letter and information about the good missionary work of Cross Catholic Outreach in the world. Pope Francis reminds us that "By her very nature the Church is missionary; she abounds in effective charity and a compassion which understands, assists and promotes." The Joy of the Gospel #179

Your "effective charity" in coordination with the Pontifical Council, *Cor Unam* to the many bishops, priests and religious sisters in poorest locations in the world is a reminder to us in the richest locations of the world to never forget our responsibility to be a Missionary Church.

As a bishop of a diocese who has sent missionaries to Latin America, I am most aware of the impact and blessings of missionary activity in the lives of the poorest of the poor in our Church and the solidarity with the poor that comes to a diocese that participates in the essential missionary nature of the Church.

Be assured of my prayers for you and all who participate in the missionary work of Cross Catholic Outreach.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Bishop of Cleveland