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Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni,

Greetings from the Diocese of Saginaw! Many thanks for your note and for passing along a copy of the most recent Annual Report for Cross Catholic Outreach. I am inspired by the great ministry this organization does on behalf of the Church around the world. It is evident that the Lord has poured out his blessings upon this ministry since we first met more than ten years ago at the North American College.

Jesus, in the Sacred Scriptures, has challenged us to seek ways to attend to the needs of the poor. The Lord is the one who "hears the cry of the poor" and calls us to minister to them in his name. The ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach, in service to the poor, embodies the Gospel mandate to love our neighbor. In collaboration with Catholic bishops around the world, this charitable organization wonderfully aligns itself with Catholic social teaching, specifically in living out the Corporal Works of Mercy.

I offer my heartfelt endorsement of your ministry as you continue to provide food to those suffering malnutrition, provide housing to those who need shelter and medicine to those who are sick, all in the name of Christ.

Be assured of my prayers for all who serve the poor through Cross Catholic Outreach. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless this important ministry so that the fruit born of it will enrich the lives of many.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Saginaw