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

Our Holy Father Pope Francis encourages the Catholic faithful to remember the poor, show mercy and embrace them on their journey. I'm pleased to know that Cross Catholic Outreach has been engaged with the poor through Catholic missionaries and their local bishops around the world for many years.

By providing food, access to clean water, medicines and medical supplies, you are providing the necessities needed by our brothers and sisters in Christ who, through no fault of their own, have been born into circumstances that include suffering the bondage of poverty.

With his great emphasis on loving and serving the poor, may Pope Francis continue to inspire you and Catholics everywhere to continue to show love and mercy and a helping hand to people who suffer.

I'm happy to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach and its work of helping the poor in so many countries.

May the Lord continue to bless you in this ministry of mercy.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Robert J. McManus*

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester