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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni,

I received the information you recently sent on the work of Cross Catholic Outreach.

I was glad to learn that Cross Catholic Outreach has been assisting with the poor and collaborating with the Vatican for many years. Outreach to those suffering extreme poverty is central to Pope Francis and his message of mercy.

It is hard for many Americans to relate to the conditions that so many are suffering in small villages throughout the world including lack of food and clean water. What encourages me most about your ministry is that you are focused on spiritual development as well as providing material help by working with Catholic missionaries and their local bishops in the developing world to provide integral human development.

I'm happy to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach and your work of mercy. May our Holy Father, Pope Francis continue to inspire you, and may the Lord continue to bless Cross Catholic Outreach.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mark E. Brennan

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
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