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Dear Mr. Burns,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email message of 17 February 2020, and to thank you for Cross Catholic Outreach's continued work of charity and assistance to those in need. The endorsement letters from the U.S. Catholic Bishops that accompanied your email are a testimony to the commitment of Cross Catholic Outreach to answer our Lord's call in the Gospel of St. Matthew to care for "the least of these" (Mt. 25:40), those who Christ identifies with His very self.

As our Holy Father Pope Francis has untiringly emphasized, "the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters" (*Laudato Si*, # 158). May the work of Cross Catholic Outreach continue to bear fruit in this essential service and charitable witness in the coming days.

With gratitude for your valuable communication and collaboration, I take this opportunity to renew my assurance and deepest respect.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Card. Peter K. A. Turkson
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