

## MISSION STATEMENT

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.



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*Pope Francis meeting with Cross Catholic Outreach's president, Jim Cavnar.*

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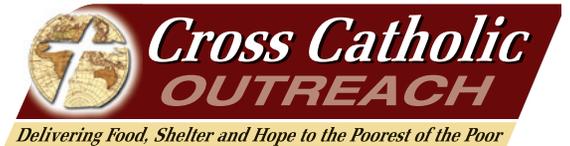
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Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
800-914-2420 ext. 121

### Outreach Priest

If your parish would like to host one of our Outreach Priests for a weekend or if you need coverage, visit **CrossCatholic.org/HostAPriest** or call **800-914-2420 ext. 174**.

*We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

1 JOHN 3:16-18



We serve the poor worldwide by empowering Catholic parishes and ministries already in place overseas to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, deliver medical relief to the sick, supply shelter to the homeless and break the poor's cycle of poverty through the gift of an education and self-help projects.

**Join us — share this mission of love.**

## CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Cross Catholic Outreach is an official Vatican-approved Catholic ministry providing food, shelter, medical care, water, education, care for orphans, and emergency relief to the poorest of the poor through Catholic Dioceses and missionaries around the world.

Our missionary partners, working under the supervision of their local Catholic bishop, strive to increase the self-sufficiency of the poor. In addition to Catholic missionaries in the field, we work closely with the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The goal of integral human development is one of lifting up the poor out of poverty once and for all by providing their immediate material needs while helping with their spiritual development which provides hope for a better future.



Cross Catholic Outreach is led by a Board of Directors comprised of bishops and archbishops and is listed in the Official Kenedy Catholic Directory, under the Diocese of Palm Beach. From the foundation of our ministry, our Catholic identity has been core to our compassion for the poor and our resolve to provide them with works of mercy. To date, we have provided aid in over 70 countries and are now supporting the *Populorum Progressio* Foundation, which serves the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America and is close to the heart of Pope Francis.



## OUTREACH PRIESTS

Parishes can host a Cross Catholic Outreach Priest to increase the awareness of our Church's works of mercy around the globe and inspire parishioners to become involved. Our Outreach Priests...

- Will not charge a fee or take a second collection. With your permission, however, he will place informational brochures in the pews.
- Will celebrate masses, hear confessions, and administer all other Sacraments in the absence of a parish priest.
- Are Virtus/Child Protection® certified.
- Create an awareness of the plight of the poor internationally and gives parishioners an opportunity to help.

Cross Catholic Outreach Priests are exceptional orators in the English language and many are fluent in other languages.

## FAITH IN ACTION

Cross Catholic Outreach offers many opportunities for Catholic communities to immerse themselves in the Church's mission to serve the poor and vulnerable worldwide.

### Mission & Vision Trips

Our experienced team can lead parishioners on a spiritual journey where they pray with and serve alongside Catholic priests, sisters and lay missionaries working among the poorest of the poor.

### Food Packing Events

Parishes and schools partner with their communities to pack life-saving Vitafood meals that are shipped to the poorest of the poor around the world.



### Box of Joy®

Catholics unite through the *Box of Joy* ministry to send gifts to children in developing countries. For many poor children, a *Box of Joy* — filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and the Story of Jesus — is the first Christmas gift they ever receive.

