



October 27, 2020

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

As we approach the 4th Annual World Day for the Poor, I am reminded of the work of Cross Catholic Outreach and your mission to hear the cry of the poor. When our Holy Father Pope Francis instituted World Day for the Poor three years ago, he quoted Psalms 34:6, "*The poor man cried, and the Lord heard him.*"

In accord with Catholic Social teaching, Cross Catholic answers the call of serving the poor through your collaboration with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Your model of working through Catholic missionaries around the world and with the support of their local bishop shows great collaboration with the Universal Catholic Church.

I'm pleased to endorse this work of serving the poor who find themselves on the margins of society.

On another note, I wish to congratulate the organization on the 5th anniversary of having Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* recognize Cross Catholic as an official Catholic organization by conferring Canonical status. In light of your service to the poor, I join my brother bishops in support of your mission to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually and I encourage you to continue this ministry of service.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis