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Dear Msgr. Bertagni,

During this historic and challenging year, the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach---“to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ”---is more critical than ever. In our diocese we witness firsthand the impact of food insecurity and the need to reach out to those on the margins. Thank you for expanding the reach of the Church to the “poorest of the poor” across the world.

In his message for this year’s World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis’ invites us to answer the call of those in need. He writes, “The silent cry of so many poor men, women and children should find the people of God at the forefront, always and everywhere, in efforts to give them a voice, to protect and support them in the face of hypocrisy and so many unfulfilled promises, and to invite them to share in the life of the community.”

Thank you to all those living the Gospel through the work of Cross Catholic Outreach that is at the “forefront, always and everywhere”. Please be assured of my gratitude for all you are doing as the “outstretched Hand of Jesus”, and know of my continued support of your mission. Assuring you of my prayers for God’s continued blessings upon you and Cross Catholic Outreach, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. Bradley".

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
Bishop of Kalamazoo