

# DIocese OF SAN BERNARDINO



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni  
Director of Clergy and Diocesan Relations  
Cross Catholic Outreach  
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni:

I received your recent letter on the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach to transform communities around the world through the model of integral human development. It's heartening to know of the support you are providing Catholic missionaries around the world.

The Catholic priests, deacons, sisters, and lay ministers who are serving the poor throughout Latin America, Africa and other parts of the developing world are putting Catholic social teaching in action by providing the Corporal Works of Mercy to those in need.

As our Holy Father Pope Francis wrote in his recent Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti, "the smallest, the weakest, the poorest should touch our hearts: indeed, they have a 'right' to appeal to our heart and soul. They are our brothers and sisters, and as such we must love and care for them."

For the vital mission of serving the poorest of the poor around the world, I'm pleased to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach and I offer my congratulations as Cross Catholic prepares to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

May the Lord continue to work through your ministry to bless the poorest of the poor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alberto Rojas  
Bishop of San Bernardino

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