



Office of the Bishop

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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni;

Thank you for your recent letter congratulating me on my appointment to the Board of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. I'm pleased to know of your support for the Dicastery and its subsidiary *Populorum Progressio* Foundation.

Next year will mark the 30th Anniversary since Saint John Paul II established the *Populorum Progressio* Foundation to promote integral human development in the areas of housing, health care, potable water, education and community building in Latin America.

On the occasion of *Populorum Progressio*'s 25th Anniversary in 2017, our Holy Father Pope Francis wrote that "the situation in Latin America requires a stronger commitment, in order to improve the living conditions of all, without excluding anyone."

I would like to thank all of the Cross Catholic Outreach Priests who proclaim the plight of the poor and the missionaries who serve on the front lines in the fight against poverty. The mission of the Church to promote integral human development around the world continues and I encourage your ministry to grow in love of and support of the poorest of the poor.

For these good works of mercy, you have my prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy
Bishop of San Diego