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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
Director of Clergy and Diocesan Relations
Cross Catholic Outreach
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni;

I received your recent letter about Cross Catholic Outreach as well as a copy of the 2015 Vatican Decree recognizing the contributions of the organization to dioceses, parishes and Catholic missionaries around the world.

It is heartening to know of your collaboration with the universal Church and of the work of your missionary priests who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially as it relates to love of those in need throughout the world. Making known the needs of the poor and the powerlessness they feel stirs the heart of the faithful to make provision for the poor.

Since his election in 2013, Our Holy Father Pope Francis has challenged the world to remember those on the fringes of society and he continues to teach us that loving the poor is at the very heart of the Gospel.

As you continue to take this message to the world, know of my prayers and support for the work of Cross Catholic Outreach. I ask you also to pray with me, *"That all may be one."*

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
Bishop of Youngstown

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