



June 3, 2021

The 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 the works of mercy provided by Cross Catholic Outreach in various parts of the world. Over the past twenty years, the Catholic identity of your ministry has been forged through your collaboration with bishops around the world and your close working relationship with Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* and the Dicastery for promoting Integral Human Development.

Over the past fourteen months the COVID-19 Pandemic has devastated the economies of many countries and particularly effected the poor in a negative way. With so many in need of basic income, it's encouraging that among your many programs aimed at helping the poor are micro-enterprise projects. By equipping poor families with resources and education to earn a living through their own small business, Cross Catholic Outreach is helping to put those on the margins of society on the path to self-sufficiency.

I congratulate the missionary priests of Cross Catholic Outreach and rejoice with you in the Lord over all He has accomplished in lifting up the poor through the universal Catholic Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Larry J. Kulick", is written over a small blue cross symbol.

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick
Bishop of Greensburg