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Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni
Director Of Clergy and Diocesan Relations
Cross Catholic Outreach
2700 N. Military Trail, Ste 300
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and learn more about the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. I've been aware for some time of its mission in providing material aid to the poor, but it was enlightening to hear first-hand about the transformative work being accomplished by the Catholic missionaries you support throughout the world.

I was also pleased to learn that among your Outreach Priests who take the message of the poor and their suffering to the Catholic faithful each week are a number of Missionaries of Mercy. As a Missionary of Mercy commissioned by our Holy Father Pope Francis, you are aware that God has identified himself with the hungry, the homeless and the vulnerable. Your ministry's outreach is a true vision of Christian charity.

As Cross Catholic reflects on its 20 years of serving the poor, I encourage you to continue the hard work of providing the poor with nutritious food, clean water, safe housing and medical care because in doing so, you are manifesting the mercy of God to our neighbors in need.

For this vital work, you have my prayers and support. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle