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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
Director Of Clergy And Diocesan Relations
Cross Catholic Outreach
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Dear Msgr. Bertagni:

In today's fast-paced world, the cries of the poor often go unheard. As the Church has taught from the earliest days, it is the solemn duty of Christians to remember those who are poor and both to lift them up in their dignity as children of God and to help them by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Recently, I enjoyed meeting with one of your fellow Outreach Priests, Father Bernard Olszewski, who shared with me the 20 year mission of Cross Catholic Outreach to uplift the poor and transform their communities both materially and spiritually.

The work of Cross Catholic Outreach to illuminate the sufferings of the poorest of the poor and stir the hearts of the faithful is exemplary and your collaboration with the universal Church was duly noted in 2015 when Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* approved your statutes and granted the ministry an official international Catholic charity.

With this recognition, I am pleased to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach. Now, as the ministry reaches its 20th anniversary this November, let me encourage all of the outreach priests and lay staff members to continue to grow in their love of the Lord by continuously serving the poor. For in doing so, many Catholic missionaries around the world are empowered to touch hearts with God's message of love.

Fraternally yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Archbishop of Louisville