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Office of the Archbishop

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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
Director Of Clergy and Diocesan Relations
2700 N. Military Trail; Ste 300
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Dear Monsignor Bertagni;

Never before has humanity enjoyed such an abundance of wealth, yet huge portions of the world's population still live in poverty. It remains difficult to comprehend that, despite our modern advances, millions of people still lack the necessities of life.

During the 2nd Vatican Council, the document *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World* taught that subhuman living conditions are among the many circumstances that poison human society. Too many people today remain unaware that our brothers and sisters living halfway across the world may not even have enough food to feed their families or water to quench their thirst.

I write to commend the work of Cross Catholic Outreach for its twenty-year mission to transform the lives of the poor and uplift them from the subhuman conditions of destitute poverty into a life filled with hope and knowledge that God loves them. The defense of human dignity, at the core of our Church's teachings, includes our belief that life is sacred and should be protected from the moment of conception to natural death.

May Cross Catholic continue to support Catholic missionaries with the tools they need to address poverty through integral human development and help alleviate not only material poverty, but spiritual poverty as well.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joseph F. Naumann".

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas