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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
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Monsignor Ted Bertagni,

Thank you for your recent letter updating me on developments in the ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. How wonderful that the universal Church bestowed official recognition with the granting of Juridic Personhood.

Addressing poverty both materially and spiritually is so important. Many of our recent Popes have spoke of this, using the terms “integral development” or “integral human development.” Whatever term is used, this approach has the most lasting impact on individuals. I’m very pleased this is the cornerstone principle in your support of Catholic missionaries.

By approaching the bondage of poverty with the needs of the entire person in mind, including their human dignity as a child of God, Cross Catholic Outreach is able to accomplish transformations that secular charities are unable to address.

Rising secularism prevents a faith-based approach as it relates to charity. Often, modern society declares the importance of individualism above all else, but Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we are all one human family, made in the image of our Creator, and that we with a duty to care about all of the people in society, including the weakest and the poorest living on the peripheries.

These principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which we hold so dear, are grounded in and inseparable from our understanding of human life and human dignity. Through the lens of faith, we are all called to extend ourselves to those in greatest need of mercy.

I'm pleased to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach for its good work in providing food for the hungry and other material needs through Catholic missionaries around the world and for your support of spreading the Good News of the Gospel to those you serve.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shelton J. Fabre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre
Archbishop of Louisville.