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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni;

Greetings in the Lord from the Diocese of Duluth and the Shores of Lake Superior!

Thank you for sharing the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach. I enjoyed learning about the ministry's embrace of integral human development and your commitment to include a spiritual dimension in outreach to the poor.

Cross Catholic Outreach has demonstrated a long collaboration with the universal Church. This working together with bishops from around the world and with the Holy See to support charitable causes close to the heart of our Holy Father Pope Francis has earned the ministry official recognition from the Vatican as an international Catholic Charity.

Recognition has also come from many of my brother bishops from here in Minnesota and from all over the United States. Since its founding more than two decades ago, Cross Catholic Outreach has been a powerful contemporary witness to the Church's charitable mission.

With these facts in mind, I'm pleased to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach in its drive to feed the hungry, bring clean water to poor communities and provide both medicines and medical supplies to regions where poverty limits access to the best care possible. For in doing so, you are showing the face of Christ to the helpless and the hopeless.

May the Lord continue to bless the priests and staff of Cross Catholic Outreach and your missionary partners serving on the front lines of poverty.

Know of my continued prayers for these good works.

Blessings on you and those you serve,

Most Reverend Daniel J. Felton
Bishop of Duluth