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Reverend Monsignor Ted Bertagni
Director of Clergy And Diocesan Relations
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni;

I enjoyed our recent conversation where you shared the history of Cross Catholic Outreach and its founding more than two decades ago, which was inspired by the examples of St. John Paul II and Saint Theresa of Calcutta as witnesses of the Church's charitable mission.

As a charity, Cross Catholic Outreach is organized to carry out the charitable mission of the Catholic Church by manifesting the love of God to the poor and indigent throughout the world by providing food, medicines, clothing, housing, education and other assistance that relieves suffering and poverty.

This work of supporting Catholic Missionaries in collaboration with The Dicastery for the Service of Charity is an answer to the needs of so many crying out for help in a world that often neglects the poor. Thank God for the priests and staff of Cross Catholic who have a heart for the poor.

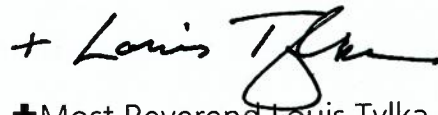
Our Holy Father Pope Francis is persistent in his admonitions that the universal Church orient itself evermore towards the cry of the poor. I'm pleased to endorse Cross Catholic Outreach for continuing to answer this call.

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I also was pleased to know of your support of a water project in Kenya run by Fr. Fabian Hevi, a priest of the Society of African Missions. Through the SMAs, the Diocese of Peoria and Cross Catholic have a common friend, for their priests assist our parishes here in the diocese. It's good to know of the good works of Cross Catholic in Africa.

May the Lord continue to bless everyone at Cross Catholic Outreach and let us keep each other in prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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