



DIOCESE *of* GAYLORD

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Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni:

Greetings from the Diocese of Gaylord!

As a newly ordained bishop (March 2022), I have been learning a lot about the Church. Learning about Cross Catholic Outreach has been one of those new experiences which I find very edifying. I appreciated the time you took to explain the vision and mission of Cross Catholic to me via a Zoom conference, and I found it helpful to review the information on your website. In addition, I have read the many other endorsements from my brother bishops and feel proud to now add my own.

Having the blessed experience of participating in many mission trips over the years, both international and domestic, I am drawn to the essential message of Cross Catholic Outreach: “delivering food, shelter and hope to the poorest of the poor...as an International Catholic organization with Pontifical approval serving in collaboration with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.” This message, backed up by practical and timely corporal and spiritual works of mercy, checks off every box needed for the basic assurance of supporting a good cause.

Cross Catholic Outreach is another shining example of the Church “walking the talk” of faith. Prayers are with you in every endeavor to bring the Gospel to life.

In Christ our Life!

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh
Bishop of Gaylord