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FOR **JUST ONE GIFT**

Fact Sheet

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CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

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NAME **Cross Catholic Outreach**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor.

SUMMARY Based in Florida, Cross Catholic Outreach is an official Catholic nonprofit 501(c)(3) relief and development organization. Since it was founded in 2001, Cross Catholic has given more than \$1 billion in aid to help “the poorest of the poor” in developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and other parts of the world.

PROJECTS Cross Catholic Outreach supports more than 318 projects in 32 countries, emphasizing areas needing disaster relief, education, food, housing, health, orphan and child care, clean water and microenterprise. Programs are active in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Eastern Europe (Ukraine and Poland). Since its founding, Cross Catholic has distributed more than \$3.4 billion to the poor.

FINANCIALS Cross Catholic Outreach has low overhead:

95.35% of expenses go to Program Services

4.62% goes to Overhead Costs

**Based on 2021 Annual Report

HISTORY President Jim Cavnar and a small group of colleagues launched Cross Catholic Outreach in 2001 to support existing parishes and ministries, directly serving the material and spiritual needs of the poor in the developing world. Under his leadership, Cross Catholic quickly grew from a handful of projects to a Vatican-endorsed lay charity in dozens of countries, channeling more than \$3 billion in grants and goods toward poverty relief.

BIOS **Jim Cavnar** **President — Cross Catholic Outreach**

Jim Cavnar is a deeply committed Catholic who helped found Cross Catholic Outreach as a means for Americans to heed Christ’s command to care for the poorest of the poor. Jim’s career spans more than four decades of ministry management and leadership. He speaks at



churches and conferences throughout the U.S., and has traveled extensively throughout the developing world in support of church-based humanitarian programs.

Michele Sagarino
Vice President for Development — Cross Catholic Outreach

After graduating from the University of Maryland, Michele answered the call on her life to begin service for various charitable organizations, including Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Gateway Community Outreach and Food for The Poor. In 2004, she began working with Cross Catholic Outreach, and today, as vice president for development, Michele leads a team of 135 people. Together, this team mobilizes U.S. Catholics to fund food, shelter, water, Catholic education and spiritual development for children and families in developing countries. Her philosophy is to pursue long-term relationships with benefactors, serving as the link between their hearts and what God is calling them to do for the poor.

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