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FOR **JUST ONE GIFT**

# Fact Sheet

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## CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

**CrossCatholic.org**

### 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**

**Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer — Cross Catholic Outreach**

A deeply committed Catholic, Jim Cavnar co-founded Cross Catholic Outreach to follow Christ’s command to care for the poorest of the poor. Jim’s career spans more than four decades in ministry management and leadership. He has traveled around the globe to speak



at conferences and parishes, and he has been called upon to minister to church-based humanitarian programs. Representing Cross Catholic Outreach, Jim has traveled to the Vatican on numerous occasions, meeting St. John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict and, most recently, Pope Francis.

**Michele Sagarino**  
**President — Cross Catholic Outreach**

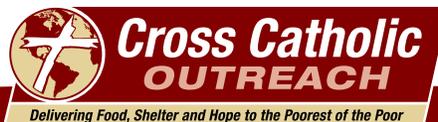
Michele Sagarino has nearly three decades of experience in nonprofit leadership. After graduating from the University of Maryland, Michele answered the call on her life to begin service for various charitable organizations, including Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Gateway Community Outreach and Food For The Poor. She joined Cross Catholic Outreach in 2004, and she served as vice president for development for 15 years. Through the years, Michele has been an important leader in the organization. Her expertise and heart for service will continue to lead Cross Catholic Outreach forward with wisdom and integrity, allowing the organization and their donors to impact even more lives.

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Learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach at [CrossCatholic.org](http://CrossCatholic.org).

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