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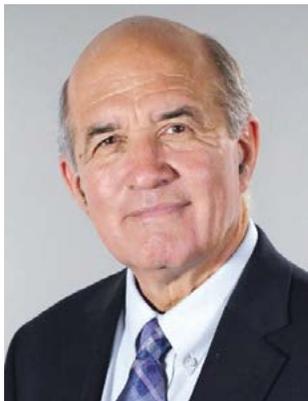
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Jim Cavnar

Co-Founder, CEO, 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.

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Michele Sagarino
President, Cross Catholic Outreach

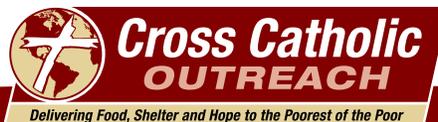


Michele Sagarino has nearly three decades of experience in nonprofit leadership. After graduating from the University of Maryland, Michele answered the call on her life to begin service for various charitable organizations, including Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Gateway Community Outreach and Food For 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.

Sandi Pino
Sr. Director of Parish & Community Services Department, Cross Catholic Outreach



During her tenure at Cross Catholic, Sandi has represented the organization at conferences, parishes, schools and community events. She has presented the mission of Cross Catholic during various television and radio opportunities. Sandi especially enjoys accompanying Catholic parish and school groups on mission trips to countries such as Belize, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Haiti. Her past professional experience spans over 30 years and allowed her to gain expertise in business, fundraising and development, staffing, personnel management, sales, and budgeting.



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Tessie O'Dea
Relationship Development Manager of Parish & Community Services Department,
Cross Catholic Outreach



Tessie O'Dea started at Cross Catholic Outreach in July 2016 and serves as the relationship development manager for the Parish and Community Services Department. Tessie came to Cross after 19 years of parish ministry work at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and School in Boca Raton, Florida.

She was born in Cuba and lived there until the age of 13, when she was able to immigrate to the U.S. with her family. After earning a bachelor's degree in medical technology, she moved to Washington, D.C., and worked in the transplant departments of both Georgetown University and the National Institutes of Health.

Tessie's love for the Lord and of service for others soon brought her to Cross Catholic Outreach. She shares the organization's vision: If all Christians around the world unite, we can overcome material and spiritual poverty. Most importantly, she believes that we, as Catholic people of faith, have the responsibility and ability to empower and mobilize each other, our families, and our faith congregations and communities to make this a reality.

When she is not traveling internationally with mission groups, Tessie shares the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach with Catholic churches, schools, groups and individuals who, like her, want to change the world for the better, spread the Catholic faith and transform the lives of the poorest of the poor around the world. She has been married to Tom for 29 years and has three grown sons, one of whom serves as a U.S. Marine.

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Based in Florida, Cross Catholic Outreach is an official Catholic nonprofit 501(c)(3) relief and development organization that, since its founding in 2001, has given more than \$1 billion in aid to help "the poorest of the poor" in more than three dozen developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and other parts of the world. For more information about Cross Catholic Outreach, visit CrossCatholic.org or call 800-914-2420.



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