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Rev. Monsignor Ted Bertagni,
Director of Clergy & Diocesan Relations
Cross Catholic Outreach
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Dear Monsignor Bertagni,

I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the work Cross Catholic Outreach has been doing to further the cause of Christian charity in communities around the globe.

Cross Catholic Outreach's commitment to providing relief to the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized through a spiritual lens is truly commendable. Your mission resonates with the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, who encouraged us to care for the less fortunate, for "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

So many times, global relief agencies employ a one-size-fits-all approach. But, your organization's approach of collaboration with local churches around the world to ensure that the help you provide is tailored to meet specific community needs is a unique and effective strategy. This exemplifies the authentic spirit of Christian charity.

I encourage you and all of the outreach priests at Cross Catholic Outreach to continue to preach on behalf of the poor. Remind our brothers and sisters here in the U.S. that the needs are many in the developing world. The effects of preaching on behalf of the poor are far-reaching, not just in the lives of those you serve directly but also in the broader Church and society. It fosters a spirit of generosity, community, and shared responsibility.

May God bless you abundantly as you continue in this outreach and I am sending you all my prayers for your pastoral ministry among the most needy.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend
Mario E. Dorsonville
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

