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Reverend David G. Caron, OP
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Dear Father Caron,

The work of Cross Catholic Outreach to support Catholic missionaries in the developing world is a blessing to the universal Church. Having the ears to hear the cry of the poor is so important in our modem age, when many in the developed world assume poverty no longer threatens the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Recently, Pope Francis released his message for the 8th World Day of the Poor saying "the prayer of the poor rises up to God." Our Holy Father reminds us that all of us should make the prayer of the poor our own and pray together with them. In solidarity, we must offer not just material support, but our open hearts to those deprived of the basic necessities of life.

I join my brother bishops in support of your mission to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually and I encourage you to continue this ministry of service, which- aligns with the model of integral human development recognized as so effective by the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of La Crosse

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