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Dear Father Caron,

I am pleased to support the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach. Your work supporting Catholic missionaries embodies the Church's call to love and serve the poor. Your mission resonates deeply with the wisdom of the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* from our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, which calls us to a renewed and radical love for those on the margins of society.

As Pope Leo XIV writes, "Since apostolic times, the Church has seen the liberation of the oppressed as a sign of the Kingdom of God. Jesus himself proclaimed at the beginning of his public ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. (Lk 4:18)."

Providing material aid, spiritual nourishment, and hope to the most vulnerable is good news indeed to those trapped in the bondage of poverty. By supporting projects that deliver clean water, food, shelter, education, and pastoral care to impoverished communities, Cross Catholic mirrors Christ's own self-emptying love. This mission challenges us all to recognize the face of Jesus in the poor.

As Cross Catholic Outreach reaches its 25th anniversary in the months to come, I encourage you to redouble your efforts to transform communities with the love of Christ.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+ James F. Checchio

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