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Office of the Bishop

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Mr. Jim Klaes
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Dear Jim,

I very much enjoyed meeting you and Michael Tober and Fritz Kruer earlier this month to learn about the ministry and work of *Joseph's Builders*. I understand that there is one main project each year called "The Mission," in which there is some building project/repair for someone who is poor and needy.

This weeklong project also enables those who associate themselves with this work to pray together and build community among themselves. The follow up with these persons is also meant to extend the blessings of this communal effort beyond the actual work.

I am happy to learn of this good work, done under the patronage of Saint Joseph the Worker. Please receive my commendation and blessings for this initiative. From its humble roots, may *Joseph's Builders* grow steadily and bear fruit!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids