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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you to make you aware of this wonderful organization called "Wells of Life, Inc". It is headed by an outstanding Catholic Orange County attorney, Peter Callahan, whom I know personally and has worked with our Diocese over a number of years. It is a legitimate "501 C-3" organization here in the U.S.

"Wells of Life" works to supply wells for clean water for villages and Catholic institutions in Africa. This wonderful work is not only well documented but supporting the building of these wells has had a transformative effect on both the people abroad and the people at home. Some of these wells even are dedicated in recognition of parishes, priests and religious.

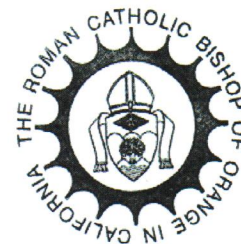
This organization is rooted in the Beatitudes and in this Year of Mercy it is the perfect time to bring out an awareness of such needs in our world. When Wells of Life approached me with their new materials for the 2016 Lenten season about this dire need, I felt compelled to write a letter of support in their endeavors.

I have enclosed a brochure that summarizes the Wells of Life successes, as well as their history. May I ask that you share this letter and the enclosures with those in your (Arch)diocese who are responsible for life issues, social justice concerns, youth and young adult ministry and any other relevant ministries in your (Arch)diocese.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Bishop Kevin Vann
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