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“THE CHRISTIAN EXISTS TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED.”

—Pope Francis, Homily of the
Mass at Santa Marta, April 26, 2018



Dear Editor/Communication Director,

Over the past seven years, Islamist terrorists have attacked religious and ethnic minorities in northern Bangladesh, killing and wounding aid workers, destroying homes, and displacing families. During his apostolic visit to Bangladesh, Pope Francis called “leaders and followers of the religions present in this country to live together in mutual respect and good will” (address, Ecumenical and Interreligious Meeting for Peace, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 1, 2017).

Showing mutual respect and good will toward the victims of violence in Bangladesh, the Holy Father funded a project to rebuild the homes of 55 families of all faiths who were attacked. When you support the Peter's Pence Collection, you help Pope Francis take concrete steps to foster reconciliation and peace anywhere conflict and violence exist in the world.

Free resources—including a sample letter from your bishop that you can personalize, web ads, and a social media tool kit—are available for download at www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection. **Please use your publication(s), website, social media channels, and any other outlets to talk about the charitable works of Pope Francis and how your parishioners can help through this annual collection.** If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngerman@usccb.org. Thank you for your support.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Germain', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole Germain
Assistant Director, Promotions

