

Pope's quotes: Violence never begets peace?

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A quote from Pope Francis:

From this standpoint, it is clear that, for the world's peoples, armed conflicts are always a deliberate negation of international harmony, and create profound divisions and deep wounds which require many years to heal. Wars are a concrete refusal to pursue the great economic and social goals that the international community has set itself, as seen, for example, in the Millennium Development Goals. Unfortunately, the many armed conflicts which continue to afflict the world today present us daily with dramatic images of misery, hunger, illness and death. Without peace, there can be no form of economic development. Violence never begets peace, the necessary condition for development.

-- Letter to Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on the occasion of the G20 St. Petersburg Summit, Sept. 4, 2013

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