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A quote from Pope Francis:

"One cannot ask the ingenuity of the lamb, but the magnanimity of the dove and the shrewdness and prudence of the wise and faithful servant. It is good to keep eyes open to recognise where hostilities come from so as to discern possible ways to combat their causes and deal with the pitfalls. However, I urge you not to remain in a state of siege, and not to give in to the temptation to cry, to make victims of those who criticise us, provoke us or denigrate us."

— Meeting of papal diplomats, Sept. 17, 2016

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