



Department
International Affairs

HG Archbishop Lawrence J. Saldanha
Archbishop of Lahore and President of the Pakistan Bishops' Conference
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Your Grace,

I want to express my deep sadness at the murder of Minister Shahbaz Bhatti. Minister Bhatti's life was marked by a courageous commitment to working for the poorest and most vulnerable of Pakistan's people. His deep faith and determination in the face of violence will remain as an example for all of us.

I know that the pain of Minister Bhatti's assassination will be felt deeply not only by his family but also by the entire Christian community as well as people of goodwill from all faiths. At this traumatic time, I want to assure you on behalf of the bishops of England and Wales that the Catholic community in our country is united with you and the Christians of Pakistan in prayer and solidarity.

With my prayers,

Rt Rev Declan Lang

Bishop of Clifton and Chairman, International Affairs Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.