



The Holy See

***ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER PAUL VI
TO THE AMBASSADOR OF BANGLADESH
TO THE HOLY SEE****

Friday, 17 December 1976

Mr Ambassador,

we express our gratitude for the kind greetings and good wishes you have conveyed from His Excellency Justice Abusadat Mohammad Sayem and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, We heartily reciprocate those wishes.

We have heard with pleasure Your Excellency's statement of the aims you intend to pursue in the course of the mission you are now beginning as your country's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary: to cooperate in every way in promoting international peace and harmony and to develop further the close and friendly relations between Bangladesh and the Holy See.

As well as watching over the interests of his own country, an Ambassador is also called to exercise his special skill for the good of the one human family. This mission confers on diplomats a high dignity for which we always give them particular respect and honour.

We welcome Your Excellency in the confidence that your mission will indeed serve as a further bond between the Holy See and the people of Bangladesh. We maintain undiminished the feeling of friendship and brotherhood to which we gave expression six years ago, when for a short time we were able to be among them. We therefore wish Your Excellency every success also in the pursuit of this other goal you have set yourself.

We would ask Your Excellency to convey the assurance of our prayerful interest and our cordial good wishes for the esteemed people of Bangladesh. We ask God to assist and guide their leaders and we invoke upon all his richest blessings.

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