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A quote from Pope Francis:

"When terrorists or world powers persecute Christian minorities or Christians, they do not ask: 'Are you Lutheran? Are you Orthodox? Are you Catholic? Are you Reformed? Are you Pentecostal?' No. 'You are Christian.' They recognise one only: the Christian. The enemy is not wrong: he recognises where to find Jesus. And this is the ecumenism of blood. Nowadays we are witnesses to this, and I think of the Orthodox brethren beheaded on the beaches of Libya, for example: they are our brothers. They gave witness to Jesus and they died saying, 'Jesus, help me!' With His name: they confessed the name of Jesus."

— Address to the Christian World Communions delegation, Oct. 12, 2016

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