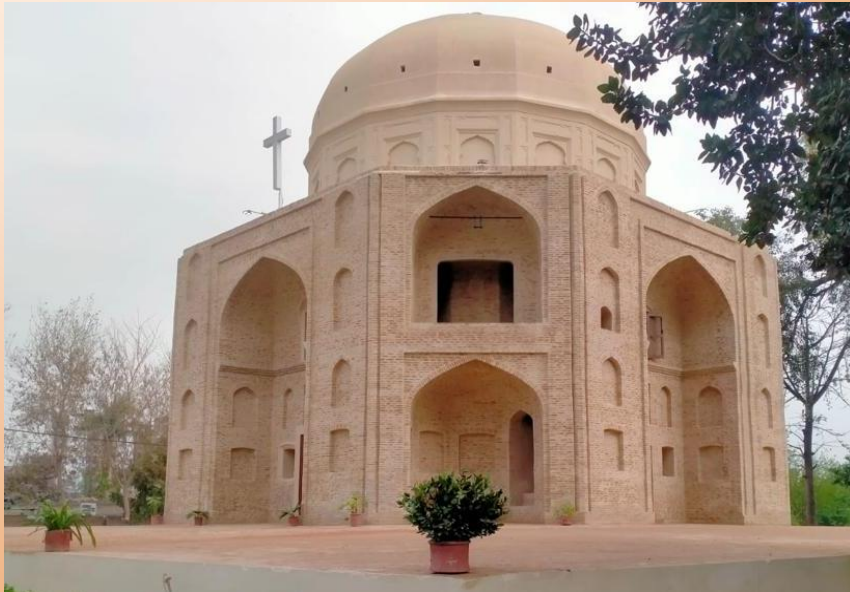




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Mission Hospital, Peshawar's Historical Chapel

## Rededication Service



Bishop Humphrey S. Peters, Bishop, Diocese of Peshawar rededicated the Mission Hospital's Chapel, Peshawar in a graceful ceremony and special prayer service, attended by staff and residents of the compound, including prominent members of the Christian community.

Earlier, on Bishop's arrival, Dr. Naveed Asif, Hospital Director, the Revd. Alexander Mehboob, Health Chaplain along with Hospital Administration warmly welcomed the Bishop and his team. The Senior management presented a bouquet to the Bishop, whereas the Youth, both boys and girls showered rose petals on Bishop all the way to the Chapel.

It is to mention that this building which is now used as Hospital's Chapel was built in 17<sup>th</sup> Century, an excellent example of Mughal Architect. For the first time in the last 400 years this building was repaired and renovated by the Pak-Army. Thus the Chapel was closed for almost 4 months during renovation.

### Acknowledgments

*We owe our very special thanks to the Pak-Army and especially the Core-Commander for their care, concern and love in the renovation of the Chapel and the front of the Mission Hospital, Peshawar and also their support the Pakistani religious minorities.*

After the Dedication Ceremony special meal was arranged by the Hospital Management for all the people present at the occasion. Later, the Bishop mingled with the congregation, exchange pleasantries and people felt blessed by his presence.



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## Pentecost Day Celebrations



Bishop being presented a bouquet on his welcome

## Care & Counseling



Bishop being presented the souvenir

Mr. Insar Gohar, Coordinator, Diocesan Care & Counseling Ministry on invitation of Youth Group, Charsadda Parish visited St. Peters Church, Charsada.

During the Church Service Mr. Gohar also shared a message on “ Love and Care each other” . He explained that the Diocesan Care & Counseling Ministry is established on this theme. He further said that we all need to care for each other ,especially in the time of crisis.



The Pentecost Day was celebrated with traditional religious zeal throughout the Province, even a large billboard about Pentecost Celebrations was erected on the main boulevard, a great witness. Special Prayer and Worship services were held in all the Churches to mark the occasion.

This year the Rt. Revd. Humphrey S. Peters chose United Church, located in the suburban area of Peshawar where a good number of Christians community resides. Bishop Humphrey led the prayer and Holy Communion Service and was assisted by the Revd. Akmal Haroon, Priest Incharge United Church, Peshawar University.

Earlier, on arrival, Bishop Humphrey Peters and his team were warmly welcomed by the Parish committee and the congregation. The people whole heartedly garlanded the Bishop and his team; thus, pigeons and balloons were flown in the sky to mark the occasion.

It is to mention that the local community leaders along with the local congregation attended the service, and they informed the Frontier News Correspondent that the Bishop's presence in such a small town is highly appreciated and it is a source of blessing for the people and the area.



After the worship service a special group counseling session was also held for the young boys and girls. Thus, issues and challenges related to the youth were discussed and their solutions was sorted out with mutual consent and understanding.

Later, refreshments were served to the participants of the counseling session and many requested to hold such useful seminars more often.



## The Diocese condemns desecration of The Holy Quran

THY KINGDOM COME



بیتاورد پاک کونسل آف ولڈ ریسیجنز پاکستان کے اہل حقین میں شپ آف پاکستان سموری مرزاہدیز سوڈین میں قرآن پاک کی بے حرمتی کے خلاف ۱۶ سال سے پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کر رہے ہیں۔

Honorable Bishop's Press Conference



Bill board on the main road about the Holy Spirit

A billboard in Urdu is erected on the main boulevard, in front of the St. John's Cathedral Church, Peshawar. The Christian community when looking at it feels proud, whereas, the Muslim majority also admires verses from the Injeel (The New Testament). Such initiatives and approaches further strengthen the presence of the local Pakistani Church in the area. This also is a humble approach, "Thy Kingdom Come."

It is worth mentioning that all these innovations by the Diocese of Peshawar are also a vivid expression of Diocesan initiatives to promote harmonious, tolerant, and peaceful coexistence. The Diocese owes SPECIAL THANKS to partners for supporting such approaches.

The Photograph here is of the Sign Board in Mingora, Swat which is pointing out the direction to the Church in the area. A few years back it was not possible to have such a privilege to have a signboard on the main road of Swat. We thank God for the Government and the inhabitants of Swat for recognizing the presence of a local Church in the area. Special Thanks to the Barnabas Fund (UK) for contributing their share to purchase a permanent place (Church) in Swat.



their law for the freedom of speech or make a new law to stop dishonoring the spiritual values, norms, and standards of all religions. He also urged the Swedish Government to take appropriate measures to stop such deplorable continuous happenings even if they have to bring changes in their legislation.

It is pertinent to mention that whenever such a crime of desecration happens in Europe or in the Western World The Terrorists in Pakistan, in the garb of hard-liners, attack Christians and their Institutions as an act of revenge.

There was a rumor of an attack on Christians Institutions ,as large processions protested after the Friday prayers but due to security measures, the Christian Institutions remained safe. At the same time if the Church in the West could try to reach out to their respective governments to secure the honour and dignity of the Holy Books of all religions.

Bishop Humphrey S. Peters from the joint forum of the Faith Friends, Frontier Chapter, and the Diocese of Peshawar, in a Press Conference strongly condemned the desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden.

He mentioned that the Christian community of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province is extremely sad about the burning and desecration of the Holy Book of our Muslim brothers and sisters. This heinous crime of burning a Sacred Book is not freedom of speech at all.

The Bishop also said that this atrocious action is a cause of insult and mental torture not only for Muslims but also for the Abrahamic religions. He also demanded of the Swedish Government to revisit

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