



# DOMINICAN WATCH

*Responding to cases of injustice and building a network  
for communication and solidarity*

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## **APPEAL FROM DOMINICAN FAMILY IN PAKISTAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: 2.5 MILLION REFUGEES IN SWAT REGION**

**An estimated 2.5 million persons have been displaced in the Swat and neighboring regions of Pakistan as a result of on-going conflict between the government and Taliban militants. Our Dominican Family there is appealing for help.**

*From Fr. James Channan OP, Prior Vice Provincial, Pakistan:*

"It is true that the situation of Pakistan is very terrifying. The terrorist attacks have become so common that no one feels safe. For example, on 27th of May, a very powerful bomb exploded in Lahore. This drastic suicide bomb blast left 30 dead and 395 injured. This is the second bomb blast which exploded at distance of only 1000 yards away from the Catholic Cathedral, the Dominican Sisters Convent and their Sacred Heart High School. All windows of the Archbishop's House, Dominican Sisters Convent and Sacred Heart School were smashed. You can imagine how terrifying it has been for the Archbishop, priests and other people in the Cathedral and also for the Dominican Sisters, staff and students of the Sacred Heart School."

"Refugees are Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Baha'i who fled from their homes for safety. There are 30 Christian families who are living in one camp for Internally Displaced People (Refugees) in Peshawar city. There are several other Christian families in various camps and other places. All these Christians and other Internally Displaced People are in urgent need of humanitarian relief."

"We Dominican Friars in Pakistan are very worried about this situation and concerned about our Internally Displaced People (Refugees). They are our brothers and sisters. We have decided to take relief to these people personally. A committee of five Dominican Friars has been established to coordinate and deliver aid. We also plan to seek collaboration from the Dominican Laity and Sisters in Pakistan for this humanitarian relief work. We will make trips personally to deliver relief goods to suffering people in various areas."

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**PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOLD  
THE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

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