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One year ago, the landmark visit of Pope Benedict gave millions of British Catholics an opportunity to celebrate their faith, while sharing a powerful message with everyone in our country about the importance of compassion, tolerance and justice.

The Pope's message is just as relevant today. The shocking riots in the UK underline that we need more than ever to build a new culture of social responsibility and develop strong and powerful communities as we deal with tough economic challenges.

We should also be proud that Britain's generosity is saving the lives of millions in East Africa and countless others affected by disasters across the globe.

I am deeply proud of the enormous contribution people of faith have made to our society and look forward to continuing our ever closer co-operation between the UK and the Holy See as we work for the common good.

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