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Pope calls for protection of minorities and of cultural heritage in Kosovo

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Pope Benedict XVI has expressed hope that the future would bring peace and reconciliation to Kosovo and that the Christian Orthodox cultural heritage in Kosovo would be preserved, the semi-official newspaper of the Holy See, Osservatore Romano, has said.

“The Holy See is interested in the stability of the region of South East Europe and hopes that this year conditions will be created for reconciliation and a peaceful future of the peoples of Serbia and Kosovo, with the respect of minorities and the protection of the valuable art and cultural heritage”, the Pope said in his traditional annual address to the diplomatic corps in The Vatican.