

THE POPE OF MERCY



SINCE HIS ELECTION, Pope Francis has inspired millions, implemented unprecedented transparency into the workings of the Vatican, and challenged the world with his message of mercy, solidarity, and service. Here's a look at Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, better known to the world as Pope Francis.

- Pope Francis has established a "Council of Cardinals" to provide him with guidance before settling on a well-discerned path forward—a singularly Jesuit feature.
- Jesuits are focused on service. As superior of a house of seminarians, he took on the laundry duty.

JESUIT



PRAYERFUL



- The Five-Finger Prayer, commonly attributed to Pope Francis, is a celebration of simplicity, family, and service.
- His favorite part of the day is Eucharistic adoration, in the evening.

CONTEMPORARY



- Pope Francis is known as @Pontifex to his Twitter followers.
- Pope Francis has more Twitter followers in Spanish (@Pontifex_es) than in English.
- Pope Francis tweets in nine different languages, including Latin.
- He is the most influential world leader in terms of retweets per tweet—on average his posts are retweeted 7,500 times in English and over 10,000 times in Spanish.
- Pope Francis does not have an official Facebook profile...yet.

CONSCIOUS



- In his encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis asserts that we are called by the Bible to care for the environment, to "till and keep" the earth (Genesis 2:15).
- Most importantly, Pope Francis connects environmentalism with social justice by emphasizing how disproportionately the poor are affected by climate change.

COMPASSIONATE



- Pope Francis built showers for the homeless in St. Peter's Square.
- Pope Francis has broken with tradition by washing the feet of the elderly, disabled, and imprisoned.
- Aware that true power is service, Pope Francis welcomes those whom society shuns, even embracing a man covered in tumors.

FIRSTS + FAVORITES



Pope Francis is the first...

- Jesuit Pope
- Pope from South America
- Pope to choose the name Francis
- Non-European pope since 741 A.D.

Pope Francis's favorite...

- Sports team is the San Lorenzo Football Club
- Food is *bagna cauda* (a type of fondue)
- Dance is the tango
- Saint is Thérèse de Lisieux

CATHOLIC FAST FACTS

There are 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide. In the United States there are:

- 78.2 million Catholics
- 2 million children in Catholic schools
- 50,000 religious sisters
- 38,000 priests
- 17,000 Catholic parishes
- 195 arch/dioceses

Within the Catholic Church in the United States:

- Catholicism comprises 25% of the U.S. population.
- Hispanic Catholics now make up 41% of the U.S. church.
- 39% of American immigrants are Catholic.
- The average Catholic is getting older, with the median age of 49 (up from 45 in 2007).
- 16% of Millennials (born between 1981 and 1996) identify as Catholic.