



POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis is the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. He is the head of the Church and the bishop of Rome. Pope Francis centralizes and teaches doctrine on faith or morals, and mandates/appoints Bishops and Cardinals. It is his job to unify and be the spiritual leader of all Catholics. He comments on many modern-day issues and concepts from a Catholic perspective.



Selected Quotations

- "We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."
- "Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity."
- "We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behavior... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence ... We have no such right."
- "Another good way to grow in friendship with Christ is by listening to his word. The Lord speaks to us in the depths of our conscience, he speaks to us through Sacred Scripture, he speaks to us in prayer. Learn to stay before him in silence, to read and meditate on the Bible, especially the Gospels, to converse with him every day in order to feel his presence of friendship and love."



Online Materials:

- [His Holiness Pope Francis | Why the only future worth building includes everyone | TED Talks \(2017\)](#)
- [EXCLUSIVE EWTN Interview with Pope Francis -- "The Voice of the Pastor" \(2013\)](#)
- [Pope Francis delivers Easter Mass at the Vatican \(FULL\) \(2019\)](#)

Further reading

- The Church of Mercy: A Vision for the Church (2014)
- I Believe: The Promise of the Creed (2016)
- Read: Pope Francis' address on coronavirus and Jesus calming the storm (2020)