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## Introduction to Pope Francis.

- In 2022 he was 85 years old, and the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State since 2013.
- He is the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church.
- He was born on December 17, 1936 in Flores, a barrio of Buenos Aires. His birth name is Jorge Mario Bergoglio.
- He is the first Pope who has been named Francis, he chose his Papal name in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi, because, he brought to Christianity, the idea of poverty against the luxury, pride, and vanity of the civil and ecclesiastical powers of his time.

The following facts concerning Pope Francis, and the ways he is changing the Catholic Church, clearly show why people in the latter days will embrace him, and if not him, a Pope like him.

- He does not hesitate to criticize global leaders and policy-makers, which is contrary to years of Catholic doctrine.
- He opened the doors of the Catholic Church to people who had historically been excluded from the church, such as, divorced people, unmarried couples and their children, and gay people.
- He made huge waves by championing environmental reform and transforming the environmental crisis into a global social justice issue, and linking climate change to financial greed, saying, "Let us say no to an economy of exclusion and inequality, where money rules, for such economies destroy Mother Earth."
- He is committed to a respectful interfaith dialogue.
- He seeks to unify all religions, including nonbelievers on important global topics and issues. For example, in November 2012 he brought the leaders of the Jewish, Muslim, Evangelical, and Orthodox Christian faiths together to pray for a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis.
- He has a positive relationship with the Eastern Orthodox Churches.
- He has friendly meetings with Evangelical Protestants in Argentina, and has been recognized as a friend of the Jewish and Islamic communities.
- He challenges long-held creeds, doctrines and beliefs of the Catholic Church, in September 2013 he stated that the church had grown obsessed with abortion, gay marriage, and contraception, and that he chose not to focus on those issues but instead wanted to create an inclusive church, "a home for all."
- He has made it clear that he welcomes all people, even communities that have previously been harshly excluded from the Catholic Church, such as the LGBT community.
- Soon after his election to the Papal office in 2013, he commented, "If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"
- He called (at the Vatican in 2013) for the church to welcome and accept gay people, divorced people, and unmarried couples, this creates a shift in the tone of the Catholic Church toward groups of people traditionally considered by the church to be sinners.

- He rejects the formality and the displays of wealth associated with the Catholic Church and the office of Pope.
- He is known for having a humble approach to the Papacy, choosing to reside in a modest apartment, instead of the Apostolic Palace used by his predecessors.
- He has chosen to wear simpler vestments with little or no ornamentation, and kept the pectoral cross that he had when he was cardinal.
- He arrives for important meetings in a fuel-efficient Ford Focus.
- He aggressively criticizes profit and greed as drivers of the world's largest problems, and applies this to the Roman Catholic Church and to the world's financial systems. He is credited with saying, "If investments in the banks fail, 'Oh, it's a tragedy,' but if people die of hunger or don't have food or health, nothing happens, this is our crisis today."
- He wrote, in one of his papal letters of, "institutionalized greed and the world's indifference to the destruction of the planet as they pursue short-term economic gains," which was sent to all bishops of the Roman Catholic Church.
- He has called money, "The devil's dung."
- He is restructuring the Vatican to break up its entrenched blocs of power; and appointed a commission to seek out corruption and money laundering within the Vatican Bank.
- He says that the current global leaders have been making the wrong decisions.
- He criticizes the harmful influence that politics, large corporations, and financial interests have had on the environment and human life.
- He calls for, "a new world of political authority," and states, "The Church does not presume to settle scientific questions or to replace politics, but I am concerned to encourage an honest and open debate so that particular interests or ideologies will not prejudice the common good."
- He shows open respect and admiration for indigenous people, and in his papal letters invites indigenous people to be primary contributors to the Churches dialogue whenever their land is concerned.
- He has made environmental protection a central aspect of his doctrine and stated: "If we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us."
- His document on climate change, has been reviewed, by Yale experts, who state, "his document on our climate has the potential to transform the global discussion on climate change for Catholics and non-Catholics alike by projecting the planetary crisis into moral and religious terms at a critical moment in global climate negotiations."
- He calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action." He steps outside of the typically conservative role of the Catholic Church and "unambiguously accepts the scientific consensus that changes in the climate are largely man-made" and states that "climate change represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day."
- He criticizes consumerism, irresponsible development, institutionalized greed, and fossil fuels, he cites these as the causes of a relentless exploitation and destruction of the environment and unprecedented destruction of ecosystems, with serious consequence for all of us."

- He has written document that speak of how the poorer countries suffer at the hands of the rich, and how and the actions of the rich advance climate change, stating that, "The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world.
- He says that, "the dominant global technological advancement," is a key contributor to the environmental crisis and human suffering, and that it has become so dominant today, that it would be difficult to do without its resources, and countercultural to choose a lifestyle that is independent or even partly independent of technology.
- He asked for forgiveness from the indigenous people of America stating, that in the name of God many grave sins were committed against the native peoples of America and of corporations and economic interests taking lands and rights from people in the name of progress and profit.
- He stated, while in Ecuador, where the Amazon rainforest and its biodiversity is at high risk to development for profit from oil, that the tapping of natural resources, which are enormously abundant in Ecuador, must not be destroyed for short-term benefits.
- He is a driver of transformative radical economic change and profound financial, political, and social change of the very institutions that form the basis of our modern culture.
- He has been proclaimed by many, to be uniquely inspiring because his messages echo the same call for a revolution that the United Nations, the Dalai Lama, and social justice activist groups, from around the world are calling for.
- He says, "there is reason for the younger generation to hope, because civil society, is not going to tolerate the extreme injustices the of the privileges rich, and will collectively rise-up and create a profoundly new way of seeing the world.
- In a comment, concerning his view of the future, he appealed to the faithful saying, "God is not afraid of new things! That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts, and guiding us in unexpected ways."

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