

Junior Cycle Resource on Pope Francis



On 21 March 2018, speaking at his first General Audience in Rome after St Patrick's Day, Pope Francis announced that he will be travelling to Ireland to take part in the concluding events of World Meeting of Families 2018, in Dublin. His visit will bring great joy to Irish Catholics and others, as we prepare to welcome Pope Francis and thousands of families from all over the world to Ireland for this great event.

Watch:

<https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Pope-Francis/Pope-Francis> (4 min)

Activity

Visit the website for World Meeting of Families 2018 (www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Create a timeline representing the life of Pope Francis. This should include key dates and locations in the life of Pope Francis.

Discussion

Read the following facts about Pope Francis, then discuss the kind of person you think Pope Francis is.

- Are you surprised by any of the facts presented here?
- What did you expect the life of a person who becomes pope to be like?

Name:

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Born:

17/12/1936

Place of Birth:

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- Before he became a priest, he spent some time as a bouncer in a bar.
- He loves the tango.
- Pope Francis enjoys cooking and regularly cooks for himself.
- He is the first pope to choose the name Francis.
- He has a master's degree in chemistry & philosophy
- Pope Francis has had part of his lung removed when he was a teenager.
- He studied English in the Jesuit Centre in the Milltown Institute, Dublin 6 in 1980.
- He Tweets, but he stopped watching TV a long time ago.
- He loves football.
- He is fluent in Spanish, Latin, and Italian but also speaks very good English, German, Ukrainian, French and Portuguese.
- Reads the Bible – but also loves Lord of the Rings.
- Does not live in the grand apartments in Vatican like previous popes. Instead he lives in a small house in the Vatican.
- 2013 – elected Pope.
- 2013 – named Person of the Year by People Magazine.
- Number one on the Forbes the 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' in 2014.
- Was given a gift of a Harley-Davidson – which he sold and gave the money to the homeless.

Activity

Calculate the age Pope Francis will be in his next birthday.

Reflective Exercise

Pope Francis challenges us to lead simpler lives where love for other people, creation, and God can flourish. He asks everyone to take care of the earth, which he calls our common home. Take a moment to think about the past year, month, week, day and ask yourself: is there anything that you and your family could do to lead a simpler life?



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