

# Senior 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.biography.com/people/pope-francis-21152349> (3 min 5 sec)

## Discussion

In the video, Pope Francis is called the 'transformative leader'.

- Discuss the meaning of this statement and the area that you feel need his change in the Church and in the world
- List some things that Pope Francis has already changed for the better

## Activity

Imagine that the role of pope was a job that could be applied for.

- In groups, write Jorge Mario Bergoglio's CV. Include all information regarding his education, the positions he has held and the documents that he has written. List the skills that Jorge has for the position being advertised.
- Individually, write a personal reference for Jorge Mario Bergoglio. Outline all of his achievements and state why he would be the best candidate for the job.

## Reflective Exercise

- Take a few moments to reflect on how you could live Pope Francis' message in your family. Remember, we cannot control what other people do or how they respond to us. In your copies, write down the things that you could do to share the Gospel in your family. (Note: It is a difficult task!)

## Extension Exercise

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter. Read his quote for the day and have a discussion about with a family member about it.

## Activity

Imagine you have the opportunity to interview Pope Francis. You can ask him seven questions. Compile a list of fifteen questions you would like to ask him. In pairs, reduce this list to seven. In order to do this, you will have to discuss and debate the reasons for choosing your final seven.

## Reflective Exercise

In keeping with Pope Francis' simple lifestyle and simple fashion choices, he has offered us a very simple way to pray. He has given us the 'Five Finger Prayer'. Using this model, compose a 'Five Finger Prayer' in your copy. Once you have composed your prayer, take a few minutes to reflect on the words and take the opportunity to enter into prayer. Use the Template on the following page.

