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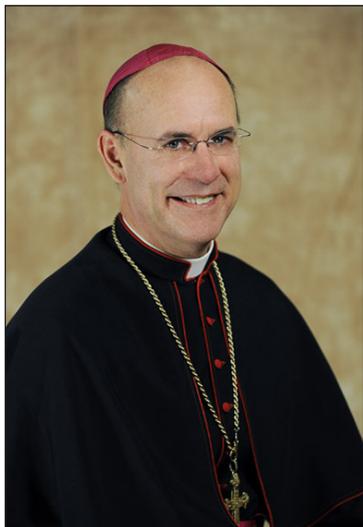
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Pope Francis exemplifies faith, humility, charity

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this supplement in *Today's Catholic*, our diocese honors our new Holy Father, Pope Francis. We thank God for the gift of another holy Pope, a shepherd who exemplifies the virtues of faith, humility, and charity. His election brought joy to the Church in Latin America and throughout the world.



I have been following the news about Pope Francis since his election and reading his homilies and audience talks. His evangelical simplicity is evident. He is calling the Church to reject "spiritual worldliness," not to be self-centered. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, he lived what he preached and showed a special love for the poor and the outcast. In a diocese with over 3 million people, he encouraged his priests to show mercy and apostolic courage. He led evangelization efforts addressed to every inhabitant of the city.

The Archbishop of Buenos Aires is now the Bishop of Rome, the Pastor of the universal Church. We have already seen in these first six weeks of his pontificate that he intends to lead the universal Church as he led

the Church in Buenos Aires, with simplicity, conviction, and pastoral charity.

In his General Audiences, Pope Francis is continuing Pope Benedict's catechesis on the Creed during this Year

of Faith. Two weeks ago, he spoke about the meaning of Christ's resurrection for us and for our salvation. He said something that is very fundamental for us and for the life of the Church in the world today: "Christianity is not simply a matter of following commandments; it is about living a new life, being in Christ, thinking and acting like Christ, and being transformed by the love of Christ!"

Our new Holy Father is encouraging us to nourish our new life in Christ by listening attentively to God's Word, by prayer, and by sharing in the sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist. He said: "God must be the center of our lives! By our daily witness to the freedom, joy and hope born of Christ's victory over sin and death, we also offer a precious service to our world, helping our brothers and sisters to lift their gaze heavenward, to the God of our salvation."

Let us listen to the teaching of Pope Francis and his call to witness daily to the love of Christ. Like Blessed John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, he is committed to the task of the new evangelization. He is calling us to have greater courage in witnessing to our faith in the Risen Christ.

Let us pray for Pope Francis and for the Church. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church, watch over us and help us to walk in faith and charity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Pope Francis teaches detachment from material goods, humble Christian service

BY FATHER MARK GURTNER

Pope Francis has already given all of us, especially clerics, a great example of living the Christian life. By avoiding ostentation of life, he is teaching us to be detached from material goods, humble in Christian service, and considerate first and foremost of the poor, the needy, the forgotten and the marginalized.

Many say that he is a reform pope, and he is already showing us with his life that reform of the Church begins with reforming our own hearts and lives. His taking of the name "Francis" after St. Francis of Assisi is surely a sign of this.

Pope Francis seems to have given a clue to a part of his outlook for his papal ministry. He has continually referred to himself by the title of "Bishop of Rome." It seems that he intends to take his role as Bishop of Rome most seriously, most likely indicating his desire first and foremost to evangelize the city of Rome and from there to allow the Gospel to be

spread more fully to the world.

Also, many expect that Pope Francis will take on a reform of the Roman Curia. The Roman Curia is the set of offices at the Vatican — congregations, councils and tribunals — which assist the Holy Father in his Petrine ministry. Many say that the Curia in various parts has been plagued in recent years by financial mismanagement, mismanagement in general, inefficiency and a self-referential mode of working. Evidence of this is the so-called Vatileaks scandal and the financial questions, which recently caused a European banking oversight body to declare that the Vatican bank failed to meet certain standards. Further, in January, the central Italian bank refused to continue to facilitate the use of credit cards in Vatican City because of a claimed lack of financial oversight within the Vatican. Thus, it is expected that Pope Francis will engage in the process of reforming the Roman Curia to address these and many other problems.

Of course some in the media have offered grand speculation that this so-called reform pope

will change Catholic teaching on things like contraception, same-sex marriage, etc., but those who engage in such speculation show that they do not understand the nature of the Church nor the nature of true reform. The pope cannot change God's law, and true reform comes only from following the law of God more faithfully so that Christ's life and love can flourish in the Church more fully.

In the combination of the papacies of Blessed John Paul II and Benedict XVI, many say that the Church and the world have been given the greatest teaching duo in history, and now it seems that God has given us a pope who will show us how to put that teaching into action in a most visible and concrete way.

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The Jewish community in Indiana welcomes Pope Francis

March 20, 2013

The Jewish community wishes to express our warmest sentiments on the election of Pope Francis and this historic milestone in the Catholic Church during a time of such great global change. The Pope's choice of St. Francis of Assisi as his namesake reminds us all of the great legacy of interfaith peacemaking and dialogue, as well as our collective and abiding commitment to lifting up the least among us.

We are heartened by Pope Francis' legacy of closeness with the Jewish community, expressed by his profound statement of solidarity with the Jewish people in the aftermath of the 1994 bombing of the Jewish Center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 people. And we are deeply moved by the message Pope Francis sent to the Chief Rabbi of Rome, in which he stated:

"I strongly hope to be able to contribute to the progress of the relations that have existed between Jews and Catholics since Vatican Council II in a spirit of renewed collaboration and in service of a world that may always be more in harmony with the Creator's will."

The Jewish community in Indiana is filled with hope that our cherished friendship with the Catholic community will continue to broaden and deepen. We offer our blessings and look forward to continuing our work together in the pursuit of just policies for those Hoosiers most in need through our shared and sacred task that Jewish tradition calls *Tikkun Olam*, the repair of the world.

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Jewish Community Relations Council President
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Jewish Community Relations Council Executive Director

'With mercy chosen': Pope Francis

BY MATT BUNSON

The election of Pope Francis as successor to Pope Benedict XVI on March 13 was thoroughly unanticipated, but as the new pontiff has settled into the Petrine ministry, the wisdom of the College of Cardinals in their choice has become clear.

The pontiff is striking in his intense pastoral style and his abundant love for the poor, the vulnerable and the defenseless. These early aspects of his papacy reflect, however, his abiding concerns when he was a priest, a bishop and Archbishop of Buenos Aires and Cardinal.

The future Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born Dec. 17, 1936, in the working class Flores neighborhood of Buenos Aires, Argentina, one of five children in a family of Italian immigrants. Raised in a happy and devoutly Catholic family, young Bergoglio initially wanted to pursue a career in chemistry and is said to have expressed hopes of being married. As a young man he was fond of the tango, Argentina's beloved traditional dance, and he has never lost his love for the San Lorenzo de Almagro soccer club of Buenos Aires.

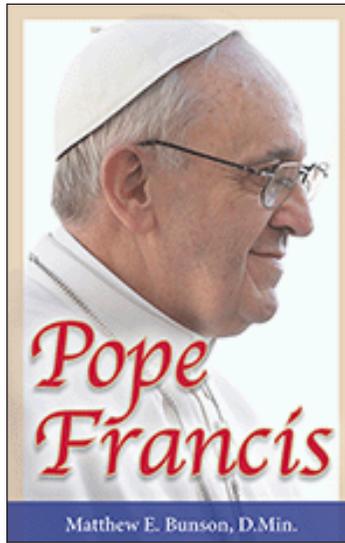
Still, as early as 12 years old, he was already discerning a call to the priesthood. Decisive in his process of discernment was an event that took place on Sept. 21, 1953, when he was 17 years old. Going

to Confession, he encountered an overwhelming sense of God's loving mercy. It was a moment he never forgot, so much so that he commemorated it in his episcopal coat-of-arms when he first became a bishop in 1992 with the motto, "miserando atque eligendo" ("with mercy chosen," taken from the Venerable Bede's Homily 21, on the call of St. Matthew by Christ).

Desiring to serve and possibly be a missionary, and seeking to emulate St. Ignatius Loyola, he entered the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, in 1958 and so began the traditionally long period of formation. He studied in Chile and in various schools in Argentina and was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 13, 1969. Father Bergoglio took his final vows on April 22, 1973, and was named provincial of Argentina that same year.

His time as provincial from 1973 to 1979 came at a challenging time for the Church in the country as Argentina fell once again into a military dictatorship and endured from 1976 until 1983 the so-called "Guerra Sucia" ("Dirty War"), an era of brutal oppression and violence during which the regime killed between 13,000 and 30,000 citizens.

Many thousands of those arrested became part of the "disappeared ones" (the "Desaparecidos"), who were taken and never seen again. As provincial, Father Bergoglio worked to keep his priests safe and to try and free several who were arrested by the regime.



While falsely accused of collaborating with the military junta, Bergoglio in fact risked his own life to free several arrested Jesuits and to help others escape the country. Democracy was finally established in Argentina only in 1983 after the regime's failed war against Great Britain over the Falkland Islands the year before.

In 2000, acknowledging the failings of some Church leaders in the Dirty War, Bergoglio by then the archbishop of Buenos Aires, called on the Church in Argentina to offer public penance for the failings of the past.

Completing his difficult tenure as provincial, Father Bergoglio settled back into teaching and a quiet life in academia. In 1980, he was named rector of the seminary in San Miguel, where he

had studied. In 1986, he went to Germany to complete his doctorate, and on his return to Argentina continued to teach and serve as a spiritual director and confessor for the Society of Jesus in Córdoba. He also was well-known in the order for his expertise in Ignatian Spirituality, developed by St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus.

Expecting to spend his life as a scholar, he was thus surprised by the news that on May 20, 1992, he been appointed by Pope Blessed John Paul II as an auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires and the titular bishop of Auca. Father Bergoglio was ordained a bishop on June 27, 1992. Five years later, he was named coadjutor archbishop of Buenos Aires, with the right of succession to the see.

Cardinal Quarracino died the next year, and Archbishop Bergoglio acceded to the see on Feb. 28, 1998. Pope John Paul II appointed him to the College of Cardinals Feb. 21, 2001, with the titular church in Rome of St. Robert Bellarmine, one of the greatest Jesuit saints. Upon learning that he had been named a cardinal, Bishop Bergoglio issued a letter asking the faithful of Buenos Aires not to go to Rome for the consistory but instead to use the money to feed the poor. He did the same thing when he was elected pope.

From the start of his time as archbishop, Bergoglio made it clear that his lifelong commitment

to the poor and his emphasis on humility and pastoral service were not going to end with his new office. He chose to live in a simple apartment next to the cathedral, fixed his own meals, used the bus and subway to travel around the city and above all became a beloved figure in Buenos Aires' slums, the "villas miserias" ("villas of misery"). But he has also challenged Catholics everywhere to follow his example. As he said in 2004 of washing and kissing the feet of cancer patients, "This gesture is an invitation to the heart of every Christian, because we never lose if we imitate Jesus, if we ... serve our suffering brothers."

The future pope, however, made clear our love for the forgotten and the sick must be accompanied by our defense of human dignity, of natural law and the sanctity of marriage and life. For that reason, he was also a prophetic voice in Latin America in defense of the culture of life and authentic Catholic social doctrine. Once elected the 265th Successor to St. Peter, Pope Francis has used both word and gesture to announce that these too will be his priorities.

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Homebody, soccer fan, tango-lover — papal pastimes revealed

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here are a few of Pope Francis' favorite things, which he revealed in a series of interviews granted while he was archbishop of Buenos Aires.

The interviews are in the book, "Pope Francis: Conversations with Jorge Bergoglio" by Sergio Rubin and Francesca Ambrogetti, which was originally published in 2010 under the title "El Jesuita" ("The Jesuit"). It is not yet available in English.

• **Favorite sports:** When he was young, the future pope played basketball, but he loved going to the stadium to watch soccer with his whole family to see their favorite team, San Lorenzo. He lamented that the fan scene is not what it used to be. At the worst, "people would yell at the referee that he was a bum, a scoundrel, a sellout ... nothing in comparison to the epithets they use today," he said.

• **Favorite city:** "I love where I live. I love Buenos Aires." He has traveled in Latin America and parts of Europe, including Ireland "to improve my English."

However, he said, "I always try to avoid traveling ... because I'm a homebody" and got homesick easily.

• **Favorite way to stay informed:** Newspapers. He said he turned on the radio only to listen to classical music. He had thought he'd probably start using the Internet like his predecessor, the late-Cardinal Juan Carlos Aramburu of Buenos Aires, did — "when he retired at 75."

• **Favorite mode of transport as cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires:** The subway, which he would always take to get around "because it's fast; but if I can, I prefer the bus because that way I can look outside."

• **Favorite pastime:** As a boy, he liked to collect stamps. Today, "I really like reading and listening to music."

• **Favorite authors and books:** "I adore poetry by (Friedrich) Holderlin," a 19th-century lyric poet; Alessandro Manzoni's "The Betrothed" ("I Promessi Sposi"), which he said he has read at least four times; Dante Alighieri's "The Divine Comedy"; and anything by Fyodor Dostoevsky and Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges.

The pope recalled that even though Borges was an agnostic, "he'd recite the 'Our Father' every evening because he had promised his mother he would, and died with a sense of 'religious comfort.'"

• **Favorite music:** "Leonore" Overture No. 3 by Ludwig van Beethoven conducted by the late-Wilhelm Furtwangler, "who, in my opinion, is the best conductor of some of (Beethoven's) symphonies and works by Wagner."

• **Favorite dance style:** tango, which he said he loves "very much. It's something that comes from within." He said he danced the tango when he was young "even though I preferred the milonga," which is an older form of tango with a faster rhythm.

• **Favorite movie:** "Babette's Feast" because it shows the transformation of a group of people who took denial too far and didn't know what happiness was, he said. The sumptuous meal helps free them from their fear of love, he said. He also likes Italian neo-realism films, which often confronted the social, economic and moral consequence of World War II, but added that as archbishop he didn't have much time to go to

the movies.

• **Favorite painting:** "The White Crucifixion" by Marc Chagall. The scene "isn't cruel, rather it's full of hope. It shows pain full of serenity. I think it's one of the most beautiful things Chagall ever painted."

• **Favorite person:** His grandmother Rosa, who helped raise him when he was little, taught him his first words of Italian and passed on her deep religious sensibility.

• **Favorite saint he turns to in time of need:** St. Therese of Lisieux. He kept a photo of her on his library shelf with a vase of white roses in front of it. "When I have a problem I ask the saint, not to solve it, but to take it in her hands and help me accept it."

• **Favorite virtue:** "The virtue of love, to make room for others with a gentle approach. Meekness entices me enormously! I always ask God to grant me a meek heart," he said.

• **Worst vice to avoid:** "The sin that repulses me most is pride" and thinking of oneself as a big shot. He said when it has happened to him, "I have felt great embarrassment and I ask God for

forgiveness because nobody has the right to behave like this."

• **Typical reaction to unexpected announcements:** He freezes. When Pope Francis was elected pope and appeared at the central balcony, many noticed he looked rather stiff. Turns out that's how he reacted when he was named auxiliary bishop in 1992 and how he reacts "to anything unexpected, good or bad, it's like I'm paralyzed," he said.

• **Things he would rescue in event of a fire:** His breviary and appointment book, which also contains all of his contacts, addresses and telephone numbers. "It would be a real disaster to lose them." "I'm very attached to my breviary; it's the first thing I open in the morning and the last thing I close when I go to sleep."

He also keeps tucked safe between its pages his grandmother's letters and her last words to her grandkids before she died. She said that in times of sadness, trouble or loss, to look to the tabernacle, "where the greatest and noblest martyr is kept," and to Mary at the foot of the cross so that they may "let fall a drop of salve on the deepest and most painful wounds."

Sts. Ignatius and Francis of Assisi, a bond highlighted by Pope Francis

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis is “a Jesuit’s Jesuit” who understands the importance of St. Francis of Assisi in the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, said the Jesuits’ secretary for the promotion of the faith.

U.S. Jesuit Father Gerald Blaszcak told Catholic News Service March 15 that while most Jesuits were shocked that a Jesuit was elected pope, “any Jesuit worth his salt” would not be surprised that the pope took the name of St. Francis of Assisi.

Pope Francis, the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina, entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1958 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1969. He had been novice master and, from 1973 to 1979, was the Jesuit provincial for Argentina.

Father Blaszcak said Pope Francis’ training and priesthood as a Jesuit “tell you that he’s been steeped in Ignatian spirituality,” has had “a top-notch secular education” and that “his formation has always put him in touch with real people in real-life situations,” which he then has reflected upon in an effort to identify the ways God was present.

“That he chose the name Francis signals to us where he’s from, what he’s about and what he believes the reform of the Church is going to require: It’s not going to require moral muscle, it’s not going to require just philosophical analysis; it’s going to require an engagement with the person of Christ,” particularly through the Scriptures, he said. “But it’s going to be the Christ poor and humble.”

While some people thought maybe Pope Francis took his name thinking also of the great Jesuit St. Francis Xavier, Father Blaszcak said Jesuits know just

how important the life, example and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi was in the conversion of their founder, St. Ignatius, and in the development of what has come to be known as Ignatian spirituality.

St. Ignatius, who lived 1491-1556, was from a Spanish noble family. After being wounded in battle, he began reviewing his life and thinking about his future. Father Blaszcak said he saw his choices as life and a career in the royal court or a life spent imitating St. Francis of Assisi.

“For Ignatius, Francis is the alternative to the life of the world. Francis, with his itinerant ministry and his intense devotion to the life of Christ and his ascetical lifestyle,” is the counterbalance to the worldly life in the court, the Jesuit said.

“Ignatius, as he admits himself, was given to womanizing, gambling and feats of arms,” but at the time of his conversion, “to his great surprise,” Ignatius finds himself “much more attracted, much more consoled, enlivened and given joy when he thinks about imitating the life of St. Francis,” the founder of the Franciscans, who died in 1226.

Father Blaszcak said Catholics already have a good hint of how Ignatian and Franciscan spirituality might impact the way Pope Francis exercises his ministry “in the way he engaged the people of Rome” when he first stepped out onto the balcony as their bishop and pope March 13 “with great simplicity, with minimal pomp and circumstance.”

The Jesuit said he expected Pope Francis to continue as much as possible to live as he did while cardinal and archbishop of Buenos Aires, with “simplicity and austerity in conformity with the life of Ignatius and Francis, in conformity with his intention to follow Christ poor and humble.”

The focus of St. Ignatius, St.



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Adorning the walls of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi are a series of 28 frescoes painted by the famed Florentine Renaissance artist Giotto. They tell the story of a man’s extraordinary journey of faith. In this fresco, St. Francis holds up the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the episcopal seat of the pontiff. It illustrates the dream of Pope Innocent III, who moved by this vision, endorses the religious order of St. Francis and his followers.

Francis and “historically of our new pope” when he was bishop was to be closest to the poor and those on the margins of society, he said.

The modern papacy, however, has included a certain style dictated by protocol and respect for the pope.

Father Blaszcak said he did not think that would frustrate Pope Francis.

“From the conversations I’ve

had with my Latin American Jesuit colleagues, this is a man who knows his own mind. This is a man who is not afraid of choosing and marking his own direction,” he said.

He also said he did not think the life of the Society of Jesus would change much with a Jesuit in the Apostolic Palace, because “we are bound to the service of the Church through our connec-

tion and availability to the Holy Father, and that doesn’t change” no matter who is pope.

The Jesuits promise not to seek high offices in the Church, which explains in part why there has never been a Jesuit pope before. However, Father Blaszcak said, that Jesuit promise is secondary to their promise to always be available for whatever mission the Church needs them to take on.

Can’t chant, can’t speak English? Pope says it’s because he’s tone-deaf

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After a musically proficient and polyglot Pope Benedict XVI, it came as a surprise to many that Pope Francis doesn’t sing or chant at Mass or speak foreign languages in public.

From his first Mass as pope — his liturgy with the College of Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel March 14 — the pope has not chanted or sung during the usual moments of the liturgy, such as before the eucharistic prayer.

His ditching any musical pitch was even more evident during the “Regina Coeli” April 1, when he spoke, rather than intoned, the Marian prayer.

And as bishop of Rome, he has been sticking with Italian in his public speeches and remarks.

Journalists had been asking the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father

Federico Lombardi, for an explanation for some time.

The spokesman recently joked that there was a saying about Jesuits, that a Jesuit “nec rubricat, nec cantat,” meaning Jesuits are famed for not being enthusiastic about liturgical song or experts in detailed liturgical rubrics.”

Father Lombardi said Pope Francis, a fellow Jesuit, may share some of those traits.

Previously, Father Lombardi dispelled rumors that the 76-year-old pope’s singing capacity or current state of health was impaired by an operation he had when he was 21 in which the upper half of his right lung was removed after cysts caused a severe lung infection.

More recently, Father Lombardi said he believes the pope’s lack of singing is due to “a certain hoarseness” or huskiness in his voice.

He reads aloud very well and

effectively, he said, “but it is not the voice of Pope John Paul II, it’s not the resonant voice of an actor.”

It turns out the pope himself gave the explanation a few years ago — hidden away in one line in a book that was recently republished under a new title after his election March 13.

Currently unavailable in English, the book, “Pope Francis: Conversations with Jorge Bergoglio” by Sergio Rubin and Francesca Ambrogetti, was originally published in 2010 under the title “El Jesuita” (“The Jesuit”).

In the book, which is a series of interviews with the then-cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires, the future pope is asked what languages he speaks.

In reply, the future pope downplayed his perfect fluency in Italian and said he used to speak French “rather well” and “got by” with

German, but said the lack of practice hurt his current proficiency.

“The one language that always caused me big problems was English,” he said, especially its pronunciation, “because I am very tone-deaf.”

He continued that he understands the Italian dialect of his father and maternal grandparents who came from the Piedmont region.

Elsewhere in the book, the future pope said he understands a little dialect from the Genoa region, but that almost all of it is “off-color.”

One of his uncles on his mother’s side was “a shameless old man who taught us obscene folk songs in Genovese dialect. That’s why none of the words of the little Genovese I know is repeatable,” he said.

His hesitancy in speaking anything other than Italian in public has emerged as another feature of

Francis’ pontificate.

He did not give Easter greetings in dozens of languages March 31 like his past two predecessors had and he no longer reads out summaries of his general audience talk in anything other than Italian, not even in Spanish, which is his mother tongue.

Father Lombardi said, “It’s pretty clear that he wishes to not discriminate” and show any favoritism by choosing to speak some languages and not others, even his native Spanish.

“Evidently he doesn’t think it’s necessary — either for reasons of preparation or exertion — that he personally needs to read all the summaries in the different languages” during the general audience in which Vatican officials from the Secretariat of State now read the summaries in their native tongues, the spokesman said.

Pope chooses silver ring, pallium style in keeping with predecessor

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With his fisherman's ring and the pallium — the main symbols of the Petrine office — Pope Francis chose styles in continuity with two of his predecessors.

The fisherman's ring Pope Francis chose is made of gold-plated silver and is based on the same design of a papal ring handed down from Pope Paul VI's personal secretary. It shows an image of St. Peter holding the two keys — one key represents the power in heaven and the other indicates the spiritual authority of the papacy on earth.

The ring, which represents the pope's role as a "fisher of men," was designed by a late-Italian artist, Enrico Manfrini, who was very close to Pope Paul and his late-secretary, Archbishop Pasquale Macchi.

Pope Francis had about three models of rings to choose from,

said the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, and the pope chose the design that Manfrini gave Archbishop Macchi for Pope Paul. Pope Francis' ring was made from the same wax cast of the ring meant for Pope Paul, who never wore it, Father Lombardi said.

During the installation Mass March 19, Pope Francis received the newly made ring from the dean of the College of Cardinals, Italian Cardinal Angelo Sodano.

The pallium Pope Francis received from French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran during the Mass was the same one Pope Benedict XVI used — a short woolen band that the retired pope re-introduced in 2008, and similar to the kind worn by Blessed John Paul II. It is worn over the shoulder and has a 12-inch long strip hanging down the front and the back.

The pallium is a woolen stole that signifies the pope's or the archbishop's authority over the

Christian community. It also represents the shepherd's mission of placing the lost, sick or weak sheep on his shoulders.

The pallium the pope wears is decorated with six red crosses symbolizing the wounds inflicted on Christ during the passion, Father Lombardi said. He said the crosses on palliums for metropolitan archbishops are black to make clear the diversity of jurisdiction.

The end piece, like all palliums, is made of black silk, a symbol of the black sheep that the shepherd rescues and carries over his shoulder back to the flock.

The pallium is fitted on Pope Francis during his inaugural Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican March 19. With his fisherman's ring and the pallium, the main symbols of the Petrine office, the pontiff chose styles in continuity with two of his predecessors.



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St. Francis of Assisi and his mark on Pope Francis

BY SISTER AGNES MARIE REGAN

MISHAWAKA — While praying in the small chapel of San Damiano in Assisi, St. Francis heard the crucifix speak to him, "Francis," the voice said calling him by name, "go rebuild My Church. ..." Later, after his infamous encounter with lepers, Francis tells us, "... the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them."

How appropriate are these words as we Franciscans joyfully celebrate the election of Pope Francis as the successor of St. Peter. As the choice of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio became apparent, a dear Franciscan friend, Cardinal Claudio Hummes, a Franciscan, hugged him and said, "Do not forget the poor."

Those words struck a cord with Cardinal Bergoglio and the name "Francis" immediately came to his mind and heart.

Later in writing of that moment, Pope Francis said, "For me he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and safeguards Creation. In this moment when our relationship with Creation is not so good — right? — he is the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man. ... Oh, how I wish for a Church that is poor and for the poor!"

The joy of Franciscans around the world at the choice of Cardinal Bergoglio and his name is, of course, unbelievably joyous.

Franciscan Father Jose R. Carballo, Franciscan minister general, said it well in his letter congratulating Pope Francis: "... When we heard your name, for the many who already knew you, we leaped for joy ... with filial affection and reverence, on behalf of all those who have embraced the way of life handed down to us by St. Francis

today, with deep emotion, I promise obedience and reverence to the Lord Pope Francis (Cfr. Regula Bullata, 2). You can count on us ..."

Later writing as President of the Union of Superiors General, Father Carballo, further added, "Help us, most Holy Father, with your Magisterium to live out our vocation and mission in the Church and in the world, in fidelity to Christ, to the Gospel, to our own charisms, and the people of today. Teach us, Holy Father, to live the Gospel with simplicity and radicalness as St. Francis lived it, because in this way we may also rebuild the Church, as the Little Poor Man of Assisi did."

In the days since his installation, Pope Francis has repeatedly shown us in words and his actions that he has a wonderful intellect honed by his Jesuit formation, but the tender, compassionate heart of the Little Poor Man of Assisi. What a marvelous combination for the good and rebuilding of the Church in such turbulent times.

Pope Francis's credibility is shored up by his unflinching simplicity and humility, his care for the poor, handicapped and imprisoned and all those "lepers" of which our human race is composed. Where the words of Pope Francis speak, his example in St. Peter's Square and throughout Rome calls upon all of us to build the Church by becoming "living stones." In this way, we will, as Church, proclaim Jesus crucified to all.

Like Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis has reminded all of us that our vocation is to be "protector."

It involves everyone. He says, "It means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tell us and as St. Francis of Assisi showed us."

The "Canticle of the Creatures" by St. Francis, would be a perfect



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St. Francis of Assisi is depicted with the stigmata, or wounds of Jesus, in a painting located at the Franciscan convent in La Verna, Italy. In 1224, St. Francis retired to La Verna with three companions. While praying on the mountainside he had a vision, then the five wounds of Christ appeared on his body. Brother Leo, one of his companions present at the time, left an account of the incident.

expression of Pope Francis's respect for each of God's creatures, and every person, child, elderly person, anyone who is needy, our spouses, parents — in short, everyone!

"In the end," Pope Francis said, "everything has been entrusted to

our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Pope Francis is also a deep man of prayer, as was the Poverello of Assisi. He rises early each morning for his time of communion with God and celebrates the Eucharist as

his source and fountain of spiritual strength. As cardinal, Pope Francis served in the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, a congregation dedicated to the proper celebration of liturgical rites and prayer. This was an area dear to the heart of St. Francis as he often reminded the friars of the care they were to take — meticulous care of chalices, altars, churches and anything connected with divine worship.

Another facet of his life of prayer is shown by the following: the day after his election, he visited the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major, laying a bouquet of flowers upon Mary's altar and entrusting his papacy and the Church to her care. St. Francis of Assisi had a deep devotion to Mary as demonstrated in the several prayers he wrote in her honor. And the final hours of St. Francis's life were spent at St. Mary of the Angels, the Portiuncula, which he clearly indicated was his favorite place on earth.

Those who know Pope Francis and who have been most closely associated with him as cardinal and archbishop in Argentina, are certain that he will be completely faithful to the charge given him "to rebuild My Church." And his way of accomplishing that will be his own joyous example of humility, simplicity, poverty, care for all in need, and his determination to live the Gospel and preach it in its entirety. Or as St. Francis said, "without gloss."

Pope Francis's words spoken on the feast of St. Joseph are significant as we do our part to work along with our Holy Father, "We must not be afraid of goodness or even tenderness!" Pope Francis exhorted. "We are all called so that the star of hope will shine brightly. Let us protect with love all that God has given us!"

Saint Mary's students grow in faith while studying in Rome

BY ADRIENNE LARSON

ROME — Some Catholics describe a moment in their lives when their beliefs are reaffirmed and they emerge from the experience with a deeper appreciation for their faith. It might come from a retreat weekend or, perhaps, a health scare. From that point on, they may enjoy an amplified spiritual connection to God and to Catholicism that informs their life's path.

For three Saint Mary's College students studying with the school's Rome Program, that moment coincided with the election of Pope Francis.

In Rome since January, the students have experienced many life-altering events. They're surrounded by another language, another culture, another perspective. All of that is part of the learning experience that is studying abroad, shared by many of the 31 Saint Mary's students in Rome for the spring semester.

"I've experienced so many different cultures within the Italian culture. I have loved trying to get a sense of each of these 'mini cultures' by talking with the Italian people and participating in their way of life," explains sophomore Anna Ulliman, from Cincinnati. What the students hadn't expected was the profound growth in



PHOTO PROVIDED BY SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Saint Mary's College sophomores (from left) Lauren Osmanski, Nikki Charter and Victoria Wilbraham pose with flags in Saint Peter's Square awaiting the election of the new pope. There are 31 Saint Mary's College students studying in Rome for the spring semester. The Saint Mary's Rome Program was established in 1970 and is the college's oldest study abroad offering.

their faith and spirituality during their semester overseas.

Vatican City, within the city of Rome, is walking distance from the students' hotel. During Lent, there are Lenten Station Masses every day at a different church.

"Where else can one go to 40 different churches all within walking distance? Many have simple exteriors and when you walk in you realize that you have found a hidden gem," said Nikki Charter, a sophomore from South Bend.

Charter attended St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School and graduated from Adams High School.

Nora Clougherty, a sophomore from Westerville, Ohio, hadn't expected to be drawn so much closer to her faith.

"Before coming here I knew that I would be traveling a lot and seeing places all over Europe and especially Italy, but I had no idea that I would be having such a faith-filled journey," said Clougherty.

As the conclave began, Catholics from around the world descended on Vatican City, gathering in front of Saint Peter's Basilica to pray and await the white smoke signaling that the cardinals had elected a new pope. When the Saint Mary's students weren't in class or studying, they too gathered in Saint Peter's Square.

Being surrounded by so many others of the same faith, all with the same joy in their hearts, affected the students more than they thought possible.

"We were standing in the crowd after the white smoke had emerged from the chimney. Hundreds of thousands of people were sharing the same experience there, feeling everything you were feeling. There is truly nothing like it," said Charter. "There is absolutely no doubt in your mind as to how powerful faith and prayer can be."

Ulliman's faith was magnified during that moment as well.

"I have never felt more proud to be a Catholic. I have never felt more connected to God and the Catholic Church. There was so much love and so much excitement in that square!"

Clougherty stood beneath the balcony, just a few hundred feet from the man named the new leader of the universal Catholic Church. Pope Francis asked those in the square, and the millions of people listening and watching, for a moment of silence to offer prayers for him.

"Chills ran down my spine and tears filled my eyes as the city of Rome fell silent," she recalled.

The entire experience was so powerful that Clougherty's deeper appreciation for her faith will stay with her for years to come.

"If I am ever to lose my faith or begin to doubt it, I know that I can always look back at that day, and remember that exquisite moment of realizing how strong faith, and faith in God, truly is."

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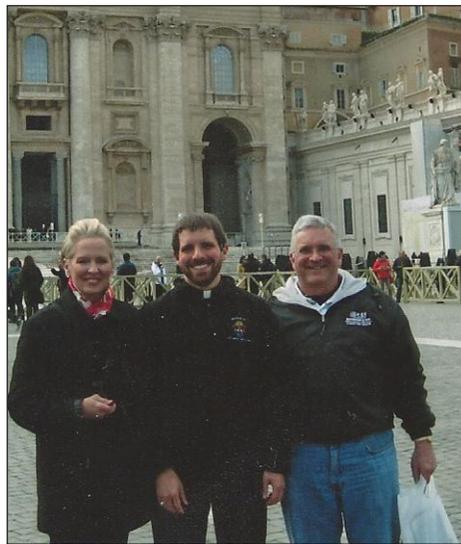
A dream fulfilled amid white smoke!

BY VINCE LABARBERA

"All roads (can) lead to Rome" — even when they begin in the remote rural area of northeastern Wells County in Indiana where Phil and Sue Davis bought a 100-year-old home in 1987. A weeklong visit to the "eternal city," however, usually doesn't include witnessing the election of a new pope, especially during one of the shortest conclaves in history.

The Davises remarkable journey in mid-March actually began in 2009 when their oldest son, Dan, started studying for the priesthood at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minn. Last July, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades sent young Davis to Rome to continue his theological studies at the Pontifical North American College. Dan's parents, with three other siblings to support, only could dream of ever visiting him.

But a telephone call last fall helped make the dream come true. When Phil answered, friends asked several questions relative to Dan studying for the priesthood. In short, Davis had to agree there was no need in the immediate future for bridal, wedding or baby showers, saving the friends a lot of money since they didn't have to buy gifts for those occasions. Davis was told he and Sue were to be at a particular home on Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. so the couple could be presented the money saved to send them Rome — enough money,



Sue and Phil Davis with their son, Dan, on St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in Rome early in the morning (after the conclave) before the Italian people got going around 9:30 a.m.

in fact, to pay for more than half the expense.

The Davises made arrangements for the trip in December. On Feb. 11, Phil was at work when Dan called from Rome to report Pope Benedict announced he was resigning. "What'd you do?" Dad quipped. "You're only over there six months and the pope resigns!"

"We kept watching for when the conclave might start," Davis said. He told Sue there was a slim chance they could be in Rome when it happened.

Their flight left Atlanta on Monday morning, March 11, and arrived at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Rome time, shortly after the papal conclave began; time enough to witness black smoke appearing around noon in the chilling rain following the first vote.

"But I was warmer than I've ever been because of the close proximity

of more than 300,000 people standing in St. Peter's Square," Sue said.

Dan's fellow seminarian in Minnesota, Peter Keefer, stands about 6 feet 3 inches tall, Phil reported, and could see over the relatively short, Italian crowd. He weaved the Davis family through the people until they were about 10 yards from the front for the inconclusive black-smoke results of the evening vote.

The third and fourth votes came the next day, March 13, before noon and the Davises were there. Throughout the event they were interviewed by TV reporters several times because the media was looking for people who spoke English. After multiple interview requests, Sue, who is blond, quipped, "If we ever do this again I'm going to dye my hair dark!"

When it was reported there would

be another vote around 5 p.m. (noon in the U.S.), the crowd swelled throughout the afternoon to 350,000, still standing in the wind and heavy rain, Phil reported. He said he used an umbrella that week more than he's ever used one his entire life.

"We might have had a better view with binoculars from atop our hotel, just a 20-minute walk from the Vatican," joked Sue. "At least we would have had coffee and a dry room."

When they saw the white smoke rising on the fifth vote, they thought they would just stay in the square, Phil said.

"All the bells in the city started ringing," Sue related. "The people were cheering and the rain was coming down. The whole thing was just so overwhelming for us!"

"An hour later, all the lights came on," continued Phil. "But it was another hour after that before the new pope emerged on the balcony. The crowd was filled with a buzz and energy like none other, and you had to struggle to hold your spot," he continued.

"People were talking, praying and singing in small groups," Sue added. The couple first learned the pope's name when someone behind them shouted, "Francesco!"

"It was absolutely electrifying in that square that night, but when Pope Francis came out and asked everyone to pray for him — silence! It was incredible! You didn't hear a thing," exclaimed Phil.

"We got back to the hotel later that evening and we just sat and

cried," Phil expressed. "Because, one, our son had been called to be a priest and our daughter, Kim, to be a sister. Two, if it wasn't for our friends we wouldn't have been in Rome. And three, we were there when a new pope was elected!"

"The only thing that would have made the trip better would have been to be able to take the rest of the family (Allison, Kim and Joe)," said Phil. The Davises also didn't get to attend Pope Francis' Inaugural Mass on Mar. 19 in which Dan served because they left the previous day.

"But we got to see so many things we never would have seen had Dan not been there for six months," he added. They toured St. Peter's Basilica, the crypt and took the scavi tour below the crypt. On Saturday they enjoyed a two-hour train ride to Assisi and on their last day walked two-and-a-half hours in Rome to the Church of Santa Croce, which houses a number of relics from the Passion of Christ.

Upon returning home, their friends were all so happy for them, they related. One of Phil's fellow workers said, "Let me get this straight: friends helped pay for the trip, you scheduled it in December and landed there when the pope was elected! Why haven't you bought a lottery ticket?"

"It's still so unbelievable and hard to comprehend," said Sue. "Dan's ordination to the diaconate is expected to be in Rome," she added, "and we hope to return."

Maybe it's time to begin another dream.

Feeding the beast and finding Francis: my three weeks in Rome

BY DON CLEMMER

I was so convinced that I was going down to the square to see black smoke that I'd made dinner plans. When six o'clock stretched into seven o'clock and white smoke came rolling out of the Sistine Chapel chimney, I knew I was in for a long night.

The cardinals were in Rome to elect a pope. We were there to feed the beast.

That's how my boss, Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, described our work during the papal transition. Some 6,000 media were credentialed through the Vatican press office — 6,000 people paid to generate content on a story for which the flow of public information often bordered on nonexistent. If we didn't fill this vacuum, someone would, and probably with a less than church-friendly message.

The best way to fill this void: cardinals. Eleven U.S. cardinals are under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave. The majority of them stayed at the North American College (NAC). We too were staying and working at this pontifical seminary on the Janiculum Hill, about a 10-minute walk from St. Peter's. We forwarded hundreds of media requests to the cardinals and their communications directors.

The night of the pope's resignation, Feb. 28, we gathered three cardinals — Cardinal Francis



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Mar Muñoz-Visoso, executive director of cultural diversity in the Church for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, stands with a Swiss Guard and Don Clemmer and Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh of the USCCB media relations office, inside the Vatican, March 10. Clemmer, former assistant editor of *Today's Catholic*, and other USCCB communications staff helped to coordinate media for the U.S. cardinals during the papal transition.

George of Chicago, Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, and Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston — into the NAC's auditorium before an audience of journalists for a reflection on the day's events: Benedict declaring his obedience to the next pope, the cardinals each saying goodbye, the white helicopter flying away.

The following Monday was the first of the General Congregations, the pre-conclave meetings of all the cardinals.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington joined Cardinal George for a briefing to a larger group of media. Cardinal George responded to a question on clergy sexual abuse, saying that, even with vigilance keeping the numbers of new cases almost at zero, the issue would be with the Church as long as victims in need of compassion and healing. The sound bite circulated far and wide.

As the highly confidential General Congregation meetings

stretched through the week, the cardinals refrained from speaking to media, which meant our office had to get more creative in terms of giving media material. It didn't always work, and immediately after the men in red vacated the scene, voices critical of the Church began to appear on TV.

Also filling the vacuum was the endless, rumor-driven, echo chamber of a narrative of who the next pope would be. In a twist just ironic enough to be true, media suggested that the Roman curia was backing a Latin American, Cardinal Odilo Scherer of Brazil, while the "reformers" were backing an Italian, Cardinal Angelo Scola. The names of North Americans — New York's Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Cardinal O'Malley and Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet — entered the mix as possible alternative or compromise candidates. Dark horses from Asia and Africa also made the rounds. As the conclave date neared, it was surreal that something so significant as the identity of the next pope could be so completely opaque. Yet, as the media analyzed it to death, I felt the process was somehow robbed of its sense of surprise.

How wrong it all proved to be.

The name of the new pope is announced in a Latin formula of "(FIRST NAME) Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church (LAST NAME)." This means a person who has studied the field to the extent that the cardinals' first names are recognizable in Latin can learn who the new pope is

three to five seconds before the rest of the world. Even amid the electrified throng in St. Peter's Square, I picked out "Georgium Marium" and linked it Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina. This realization felt something like the moment that Wile E. Coyote runs off the edge of the cliff but doesn't notice for several seconds, and only then does gravity kick in.

Like practically everyone else, I'd dismissed Bergoglio due to his age. But within seconds, the genius of the move overwhelmed me. The cardinals and the Holy Spirit had outsmarted the media pundits (not a herculean task, I admit) and opted for an exciting round of firsts: first Latin American, first Jesuit, first Francis. All of this before the world even got a glimpse of the man himself.

The choice of Pope Francis immediately blew out the media vacuum. For a media professional, it is extremely gratifying that he gets the power of the symbolic gesture: asking the people to bless him first, washing the feet of young inmates, opting not to live in the apostolic palace. Pope Francis has captured the public imagination and has yet to let go.

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An unexpected witness

BY PETER FREEBY

As I collected my bags at Rome's Fiumicino Airport, I could already see signs that something special was happening in this ancient city. It was the first day of the conclave and there were numerous groups of religious throughout the airport that had just arrived for the occasion. I was one of the lucky ones who managed to stumble in to this momentous time in Church history.

A sophomore at Holy Cross College I had been studying in Maynooth, Ireland, for the semester and decided to fly to Rome with my girlfriend for spring break. This decision was made just after Christmas when there was no indication whatsoever that there would be the first papal resignation in hundreds of years.

When we arrived at the Vatican for what was to be the third round of voting, many people, including myself, were not expecting a defining vote to take place so early on. Still there was a quiet buzz going through the crowd as groups from every nationality imaginable gathered for the chance to see who they would look to as the new head of the universal Church.



PROVIDED BY PETER FREEBY

Peter Freeby is shown at St. Peter's Square during the conclave.

We stood behind a group of children who were being led in song by the nuns who were chaperoning them. This was also a strategic move as it

was raining and almost everyone had an umbrella raised just high enough to block sightlines to the video monitors. Fortunately these children were

rather short and provided a great view directly over their heads and to the front of St. Peter's Basilica.

As the time neared 7 p.m., we still hadn't seen any of the telltale smoke signifying the election of a new pope. People were getting restless wondering what could be causing the delay. About five minutes after the hour, smoke began emitting from the famous chimney above the Sistine Chapel. Due to the previous emissions of black smoke, it was difficult to tell what exactly we were looking at. For a few seconds, the smoke was a darkish grey, but as it began to lighten in color, a roar came up from the crowd as bells began to toll. We have a pope!

People began rushing forward and anyone who was not already in the square came rushing in upon hearing the bells. The children in front of us were yelling and crying with joy as everyone pushed towards the front of the square.

My limited education in the Latin language came in to play as Cardinal Tauran began announcing "With great joy I announce to you, we have a pope!"

Once again the crowd went ballistic with cheering, but quieted once again to hear the second part of the announcement naming who would be the next successor of St. Peter. "Lord Jorge Mario, Cardinal of the Holy

Roman Church Bergoglio who takes the name of Francis."

This only made the cheers all the louder as a couple Argentinians standing proximate to us literally jumped for joy upon hearing one of their countrymen would now be leading the Church.

When Pope Francis finally made his appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's he had the look of a very humble and nervous man. Hearing his address and seeing his actions in the days to immediately follow instantly caused nearly everyone to fall in love with him.

In those first few days, Pope Francis helped ease some of the tensions surrounding apparent elitism among Church officials by simple actions such as refusing a private limo and instead taking the bus, or keeping his simple cross necklace instead of an elaborate golden one.

Just seeing the excitement surrounding the faith was very refreshing after witnessing many of the trials it has faced in the modern age. Hopefully the spiritual guidance of Pope Francis will continue to help mend a conflicted world in tremendous need of healing for years to come.

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Pax et Bonum, Pope Francis! (Peace and all Good!)

*“I have chosen my servant; with my holy oil
I have anointed him.”*

*“My hand will be with him; my arm will
make him strong.”*

—Psalm 89:21-22



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President of OSV says Francis is pope of the people

BY KAY COZAD

ROME — President and Publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor* Greg Erlandson was as surprised as the rest of the world to witness the election of the 266th bishop of Rome, Pope Francis, in March. Having lived in Rome for three years and covering the election in 2005 of Pope Benedict XVI, he was honored to have the opportunity to attend the events of those weeks in Rome along with 6,000 journalists from around the globe.

It was not only an opportunity to “touch base with partners, colleagues and sources in the Vatican and the press corps for information on the conclave and the new pope,” but was a time of personal reflection for this parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne, who says, “I find it a truly inspiring and reflective time to be in Rome, and I tried to attend all of the key Masses and ceremonies.”

Arriving on March 9, only days before the final successful vote of the conclave, Erlandson secured housing with a good friend and notable Italian TV journalist there. Because the resignation of Pope Benedict gave the Vatican “two weeks notice” compared to the conclave following Pope John Paul II’s death in 2005, Erlandson says in some ways the events surrounding the conclave were more formal and efficient. He also reports on the great sense of excitement that pervaded the area.

“Perhaps because of the govern-

mental crisis and the sense of dread that hung over Italian politics, there was a great focus on the papacy, a great sense of anticipation and excitement. The local Italian media did a phenomenal job of reporting every day at great length on events at the Vatican . . .” he says.

Following the general congregations in which the cardinals discussed the issues facing the Church, Erlandson scrambled to attend as many Masses celebrated by the cardinals as possible. During the three he witnessed, Erlandson continued reporting via his iPhone, tweeting and videoing for the public back home. He notes with confidence, “This is the new face of journalism.”

As the conclave began every rooftop on St. Peter’s Square sported TV station cameras all pointing to the famous chimney atop the Sistine Chapel in hopes of capturing the much-anticipated white smoke that would signal the successful election of the new pope. The square was flooded with people gathered to pray as the voting took place even in the steady rainfall, Erlandson noted. And though predictions had been made as to who would take the cathedra, Erlandson says, “. . . no one really foresaw that it would be a cardinal from Argentina who was 76 years old who would be the one elected in only five ballots.”

The raucous jubilation on the square was overwhelming as the announcement of the new pope followed the white smoke signal, though Erlandson notes, as the new pope immersed on the loggia for his first public appearance the silence

that followed was deafening. And he relates chuckling, as if divinely orchestrated, the steady rain that had caused St. Peter’s Square to be dotted with thousands of umbrellas all day suddenly stopped falling just as Pope Francis made his appearance.

His reaction to Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio’s election: “I was very excited, obviously, and I was delighted that all of our prognostications proved wrong. Sometimes it is nice to be surprised, and I think we need to pay attention to what the Holy Spirit may be trying to tell us with this surprise,” he says.

The pope’s humility was evident in the first moments of his papacy, Erlandson relates. “He asked for us to pray for him first. That was a remarkable act of humility. Then he told everyone to go home and get a good night sleep.” The exhausted and famished Erlandson and his Italian friend did head home around midnight to find that his friend’s wife had prepared a celebratory dinner that they devoured with gratitude.

The Saturday following his election Pope Francis met with the journalists. Erlandson waited two-and-a-half hours to enter the arena where he says the pope “won the journalists over right away.”

Erlandson is already impressed with this pope’s simplicity and intelligence. He says, “I think Pope Francis is a man who leads by example, and his intelligence and strength of will is matched by his humility and simplicity. His selection of the name Francis — a man of the people, of the poor, of peace, a man who embraced the leper and



KAY COZAD

President and publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor* in Huntington Greg Erlandson presents a slide of the media frenzy during Pope Francis’ meeting with the media following his election on March 13 in Rome. Erlandson’s presentation took place at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on April 14.

helped to rebuild the Church — was no accident. . . .”

And he adds, “Also, he is the first pope since 1960 not to have attended Vatican II, so this will be a generational shift. . . . And of course, his Latin American experience means the Church will really be much more global than it is already in terms of the outlook of the Vatican.”

Erlandson believes that Pope Francis will challenge expectations of what leadership is as well. “I think he will remind us that our true leader is Christ, and that Christ is the measure by which we measure ourselves,” he says.

Erlandson reflects on all the

possibilities, noting the pope is a people’s pope. “This is a pope who touches people,” he says, adding that Pope Francis greeted each of the participants in the front of the Vatican parish church following his Sunday Mass.

Of the pope’s future Erlandson says, “I think he will be a reformer pope, but his primary goal is not to simply make the Vatican run more smoothly or efficiently. He wants the Church to go out into the world. . . . He is a priest of the people. . . . He knows what sufferings people are enduring. And that pastoral experience will shape both his vision and his mission.”

Jesuits surprised that first of their brethren is elected pope

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Jesuit brethren of the new Pope Francis were as surprised as anyone when Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was announced March 13 as the first Jesuit to be elected pope.

One Jesuit who shares the pope’s Argentine roots and has known him since his own days as a novice, said the election of the man he first knew as Father Bergoglio is “a joy for the country.”

Father Jose Funes, head of the Vatican Observatory, told Catholic News Service that the election of an Argentine Jesuit with a background in science (he studied chemistry at a trade school before entering the Jesuits) can only be good for all those interests. However, he said, “I think the pope will be focused on other priorities first.”

Jesuit Father Gerard Stockhausen, executive secretary of the Jesuit Conference USA, told CNS that when Cardinal Bergoglio’s name was announced from the Vatican balcony, he didn’t realize immediately that

it was a fellow member of the Society of Jesus, the religious order founded by St. Ignatius Loyola in 1534.

Jesuits generally don’t seek higher offices in the Church, Father Stockhausen said. “There are relatively few who are bishops even. We don’t ordinarily take on those posts.”

Even the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told reporters: “Personally, I’m a bit shocked to have a Jesuit pope. Jesuits think of themselves as servants, not authorities in Church.”

“Jesuits resist being named bishop or cardinal. To be named pope — wow,” Father Lombardi said. “Must have been result of strong call.”

Father Funes, speaking from the observatory’s offices in Tucson, Ariz., said the Latin Americans he knows from Mexico and Chile reacted very positively to the election of someone from Argentina.

“This could bring a new excitement for the Church in Latin America,” he said, “especially if he goes to Brazil for World Youth Day” in July.

Father Funes first knew the future pope during a month when his class of novices was assigned

to help out at the formation house where then-Father Bergoglio was rector. He also served as one of the three examiners for Father Funes as a candidate to join the Jesuits.

He said Pope Francis has been known to have a particular devotion to St. Joseph, and founded St. Joseph Parish near the formation house where the students regularly assisted.

The Jesuit superior general, Father Adolfo Nicolas, said the election of Pope Francis “opens for the Church a path full of hope.”

He said in a statement that all the Jesuits accompany their brother with their prayers “and we thank him for his generosity in accepting the responsibility of guiding the Church at a crucial time.”

He said the choice of the name Francis “evokes for us the Holy Father’s evangelical spirit of closeness to the poor, his identification with simple people and his commitment to the renewal of the Church.”

As Jesuits, he said the distinguishing mark of the society is that of companionship “bound to the Roman pontiff by a special bond of love and service.” Thus,

Father Nicolas added, the Jesuits “wish to express our renewed availability to be sent into the vineyard of the Lord.”

In Dajabon, Dominican Republic, Jesuit Father Regino Martinez called it “a moment of great hope and opportunity for the Church.”

He said Pope Francis as the first Latin American pope also offers “an opportunity to support the work being done in the Latin American Church and a show of support for Latin Americans.”

Father Stockhausen said that even those Jesuits who do become cardinals “tend not to move in ‘cardinal circles,’ where they get to know each other. That’s not our world.”

He acknowledged that Jesuits are generally thought of as highly educated, and “men of the world.”

There’s a saying that goes “Francis (of Assisi) loved the countryside, Dominic loved the countryside and Ignatius loved the cities,” we’re ‘worldly’ in the good sense of the word,” he said.

Jesuits also have a reputation for being careful decision-makers, particularly if they follow the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, said Father Stockhausen. The

exercises lead one to make decisions not out of personal interests or attachments, he said, but out of where the Spirit is leading through prayer.

Jesuits around the world expressed similar joy and support at the election of the new pope.

Father Francisco Jose Ruiz Perez, provincial of Spain, noted that Pope Francis spent part of his training in Alcala de Henares, Spain. Like Father Nicholas, he also cited a section of the Jesuit norms, noting, “Our Church service will only be truly Christian if anchored in fidelity to the one who makes all things new, and only if united with the successor of Peter.”

Cindy Wooden in Rome and Ezra Fieser in the Dominican Republic contributed to this story.

Diocesan Latinos inspired by pope's simplicity, concern for poor

BY JODI MAGALLANES

Spanish-speaking faithful in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have been lifted up in excitement and anticipation by the surprise naming of a Latino shepherd.

Reaction to the Argentine's election has been joyously vocal, and commenced the very moment that staff members in the South Bend Office of Hispanic Ministry succeeded in bringing a television signal into the building on March 13.

"At the beginning we were here at the JPII Center in Mishawaka, and we had a little bit of trouble trying to get a signal," said Ministry Associate Lourdes Silva. "When we finally got it, there was this loud 'Yea!' in the whole conference room. We were just elated."

Pope Francis models simplicity, Silva said. Since his election it has become widely known that as a priest and a cardinal, his habit was to prepare his own meals and to often take public transportation or walk to appointments. Now, Silva said, the faithful see him modeling deep concern for the poor.

"What better way to go back

to basics? He's giving us this example by first of all mingling with the people and secondly by doing for others," she said.

Because no Latin American was on the list of papal candidates batted around in the media, Father Kevin Bauman, pastor of Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, and members of his parish were caught off guard by the selection. But the fact that his first language is Spanish and his culture is similar to theirs lend themselves to immediate identity with him among Hispanic worshippers, said Father Bauman.

They also recognize Pope Francis' familiarity with and compassion for their economic situation.

"I see him as being just like the people who are here. They accept low paying jobs, the unglamorous jobs. They identify their own work with his," he said.

Since his election Pope Francis has demonstrated a willingness to be on the common man's level. When he steps down to speak with a worshipper or stops his procession to go to them, those actions are interpreted as a perfect example of outreach to others.

"That's very typical of our Hispanic people. When someone's in need, they come together

to meet their needs, for moral support and to encourage them," he added.

Our Lady of Hungary's women's group, youth group and ushers' group are all buzz about the election, as are the laity and leadership at St. Dominic Parish in Bremen. That parish is about a third Mexican.

"I started the Mass that night, Thursday evening, by saying 'We have a pope, and he's Argentinian.' There was spontaneous applause," said Pastor Father Bob Lengerich.

St. Dominic parishioners are "absolutely excited" about the promise Pope Francis' election holds, he continued. "It indicates that the Holy Mother Church recognizes that the Church in Latin America is young vibrant and strong. It's investing in our future."

Evelyn Mendoza, Hispanic ministry secretary at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart, said parishioners with whom she has spoken about the election are very optimistic. Some respond to the pope's citizenship, while others believe he will address U.S. immigration issues. Many, however, also hope that Pope Francis will continue John Paul II's popular legacy.



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A woman prays during a bilingual Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Francis at St. Joan of Arc Church in the Jackson Heights neighborhood of the New York borough of Queens March 18, the eve of the Argentine-born pontiff's formal installation. Latinos comprise 70 percent of the parish's membership.

"Pope John Paul (II) left us a very good example. Until his last hours, he gave us an example of how to keep growing in our faith," said Mendoza.

"Local Hispanic faithful align Pope Francis with Blessed John Paul II because of his sense of service and of welcoming," explained Father Lengerich. Because Blessed John Paul II vis-

ited Latin America and Mexico several times each, there is a sense of hopefulness that he will both visit and be frequently attentive to the Hispanic faithful in the Americas. We think the possibility is there that he will cultivate fruit from initiatives pursued by Blessed Pope John Paul II. I really think they need that ... it's huge," she concluded.

Papa Francis

Oración de Acción de Gracias

En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amen. Señor, Te damos gracias por el regalo concedido a nuestra herencia Romana Católica.

Nos concedes un papa del linaje de San Pedro, la primera piedra, esta vez de un país Latino, con raíces Italianas.

Ayúdanos poder contribuir a este Papado con gran amor y humildad para renovar nuestra Iglesia Católica, y animando a muchos para que regresen o se unan a la Iglesia que fundo Jesucristo.

Ayúdanos a ser fiel a nuestro nuevo líder Eclesial de Roma, fortalécelo a el, y a nosotros, física y espiritualmente para de esta manera poder formar parte de los ejércitos tuyos para bendición de toda Tu Santa Iglesia.

Ayúdanos lograr, con Tu gracia la unión, con un verdadero amor que solo viene de Ti. Junto a Madre María y con la ayuda de San Miguel Arc Ángel que seamos un solo pueblo, un solo rebaño, en Tu Santo Nombre junto a la Santísima Trinidad. Así Sea.

Pedimos Tu Santa Bendición, y la recibimos en el Nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amen.

Unámonos en rezar un Padre Nuestro, un Ave María, un Gloria al Padre por las intenciones y un papado fructífero de Nuestro Papa Francis.

Oficina para el Ministerio Hispano
Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend
Lourdes E Silva, M.Div.

Pope Francis

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, we give you thanks for your gift towards our Roman Catholic inheritance.

You've given us a pope from the lineage of St. Peter, the rock, this time from a Latin country, with Italian roots.

Help us to contribute towards his papacy with great love and humility to renew our Catholic Church, motivating many to return or unite to the Church founded by Jesus Christ.

Help us to be loyal to our new leader of the Roman Catholic Church, fortify him, and us, physically and spiritually so we may form part of your guardians of the Church for the blessing of all Your Holy Church.

Help us obtain, with Your grace, unity, with genuine love which only comes from You.

Together with Mother Mary, and with the help of St. Michael the Archangel, may we be one people, one flock, in Your Holy Name and the Holy Trinity.

Amen.

We ask Your Holy Blessing, and receive it in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be... for the intentions and fruitful papacy of our Pope Francis.

Office for Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Lourdes E. Silva, M.Div.

Joy...

We share the
blessed pleasure
of the faithful worldwide
and pray with them
that the pontificate of
Pope Francis
enrich the spiritual life
of all of God's children
through the healing power
of the peace of Christ.



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Rev. Anthony Steinacker, Pastor

St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish - Bristol

Rev. Robert Van Kempen, Pastor

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish - Elkhart

Rev. William Sullivan, Pastor

St. Vincent de Paul Parish - Elkhart

Rev. Glenn Kohrman, Pastor



As a generation of the Church Militant
ready to step into life where
the future is hidden from us,
it is our hope and prayer
that Divine Guidance through the
Papacy of Francis
keep us steadfast in the Faith
so that we may serve as
examples to those who follow.



"We are the Light of the World"
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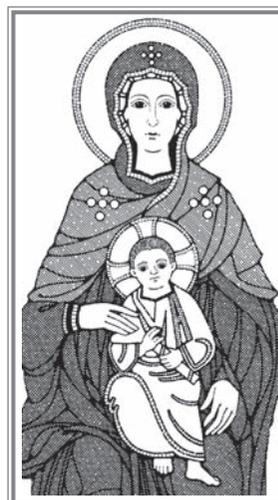


BISHOP DWENGER
HIGH SCHOOL



*Heavenly Father
We rejoice in the election of
Our new Holy Father, Pope Francis.
What a wonderful gift
You have bestowed upon us
In this courageous leader!
We ask that you be with Pope Francis now
As he shepherds his flock.
We pray you continue to bless our
Church Fathers and all of your faithful.
Amen.*

Fr. Alex Dodrai and St. Patrick Arcola parishioners



As parishioners
of a church devoted to
Our Blessed Mother,
we ask that her
powerful assistance
be bestowed upon
Pope Francis
as he seeks to lead others
as a witness to Christ's mission.

ST. MARY PARISH
HUNTINGTON

May the example and leadership of
 Pope Francis
 shape minds, touch hearts
 and lead persons everywhere,
 giving them the
 comfort and peace of mind
 that comes when they
 embrace Christ
 fully and completely.

St. John the Baptist Parish
FORTWAYNE

*We join the faithful worldwide
 in thanksgiving for the gift of
 Pope Francis and pray that
 his simplicity and humility
 may rekindle the
 Church's preferential love
 for the poor and marginalized.*

ST. BERNARD PARISH
WABASH

Immaculate Conception Parish
Auburn, Indiana
 prays that
the Holy Father, Pope Francis,
be endowed with many graces
during his Pontificate.

Father Derrick Sneyd
and
Parish Community



*We take comfort and joy knowing
 that our little corner of the world,
 Saint Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel,
 is directly linked to Pope Francis
 through the Eucharist and
 an unbreakable chain of prayer.
 Confident of his affection for us,
 We return his love in a spiritual bond.*



We pray for *God's blessing*
 on **Pope Francis**
 as he shepherds
THE CHURCH
 throughout the world
 with the *guidance*
 & **INSPIRATION**
 of the **Holy Spirit.**



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Pope Francis
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FRANCIS

and we pray that his papacy be
Gloriously Triumphant



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we pray that Mary, Mother of God,
and Peter, the first pope,
bring to Pope Francis
blessings of vision, guidance and understanding
as well as the good health necessary
to carry out his given mission.

St. Mary Parish and St. Peter Parish
FORT WAYNE

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congratulations and
continued prayers for
Pope Francis!



*Through the intercession of
SAINT JOSEPH
father and protector of
the Holy Family,
we ask that
the Holy Spirit
provide the same graces to
Pope Francis
as he guides the faithful
in the family of nations everywhere.*

St. Joseph Parish
Bluffton

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THE PARISH OF
ST. MICHAEL IN PLYMOUTH,
OFFER OUR CONGRATULATIONS
AND PROMISE OF PRAYERS
TO HIS HOLINESS, FRANCIS



WE LOVE YOU HOLY FATHER!



May the
abundance of love
found in the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
and the
Graces of the Holy Spirit
guide
Pope Francis
in order to serve
God's plan of salvation

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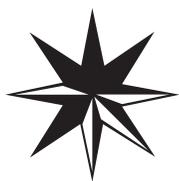
HABEMUS PAPAM



"And now, let us begin this journey..."

- Pope Francis I
March 13, 2013

**Holy Cross College
welcomes
Pope Francis I
as he brings Peace, Joy and
Hope to all people of the world!**



May the papacy of
Francis
be a star of hope
enlightening the world.

St. Mary of the Assumption
PARISH and SCHOOL
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wish to express our warmest sentiments to the Catholic
community on the election of Pope Francis.

The Pope's choice of St. Francis of Assisi as his namesake
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to lifting up the least among us.

Our Jewish community is filled with hope
that our cherished friendship with the Catholic community
will continue to broaden and deepen.

We offer our blessings and look forward to continuing
our work together in the pursuit of justice and helping those
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tradition calls *Tikkun Olam*, the repair of the world.



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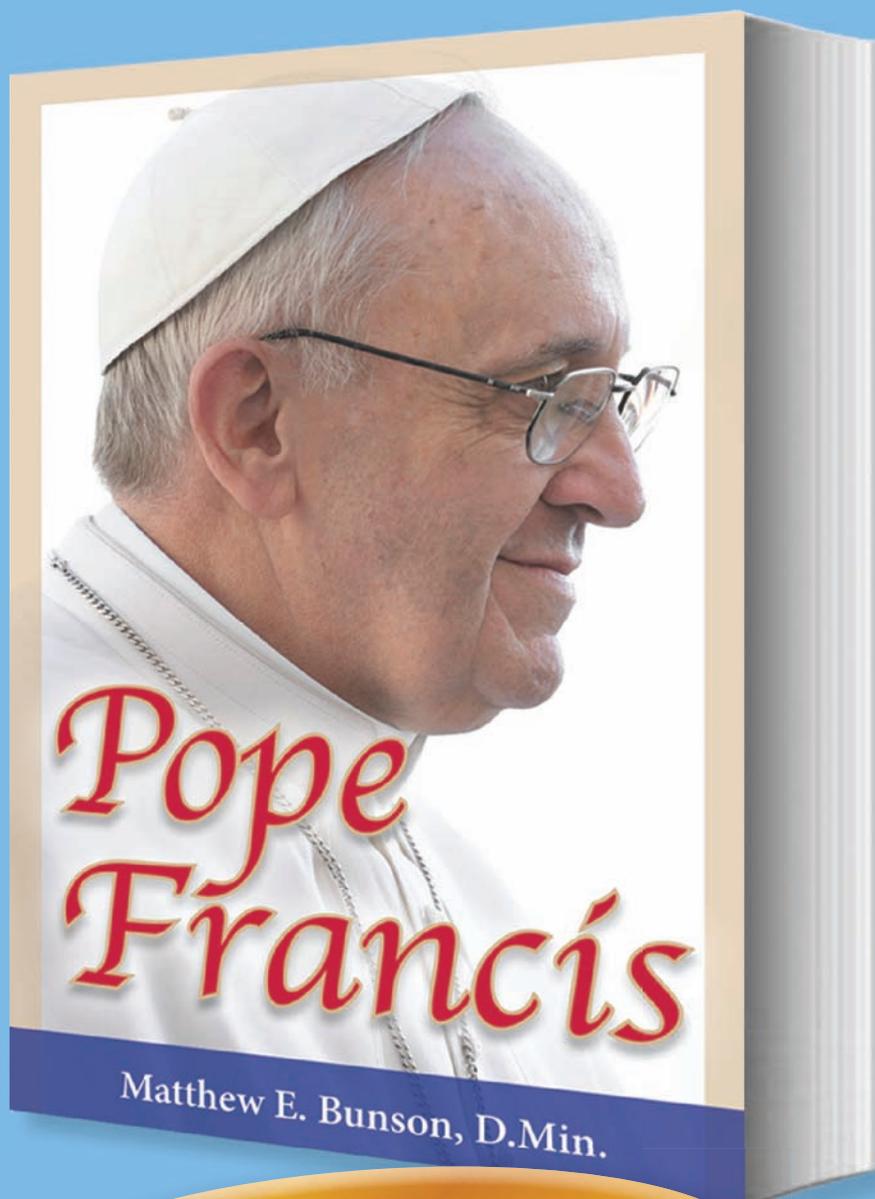
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with great joy
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Pope Francis.
Bless our Holy Father
with wisdom, zeal, and the gift of
governance
as he guides your Church in peace
and unity.
May his humility, simplicity, and love
inspire your people to share the
Good News of Jesus Christ
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