



A Person of Commitment - POPE FRANCIS



Introduction – Why I chose Pope Francis as my Person of Commitment



- For my Person of Commitment I chose Pope Francis.
- I chose this person as I think he has strong religious values and beliefs which impact his actions and worldviews.
- Pope Francis works very hard to carry out his beliefs and values to try and make a positive impact on the world.
- I find Pope Francis to be a very hard working and diligent person who cares greatly about the world and the people in it.
- This is the main reason as to why I chose to research and learn more about Pope Francis for my Cba.



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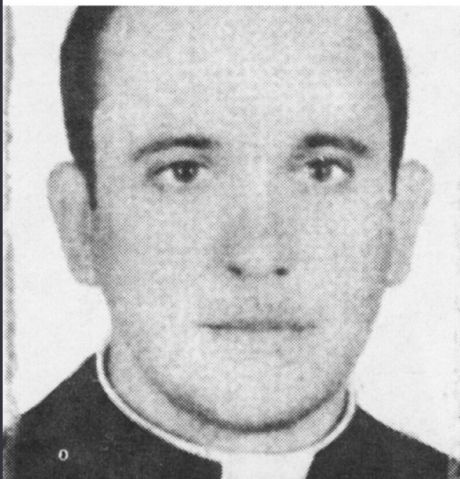
Early life

- Pope Francis, originally named Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born December 17th, 1936 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- He was the son of Italian Immigrants to Argentina.
- In high school, Francis studied to become a chemical technician.
- Growing up, Francis had various jobs such as a janitor, a chemist and even a bouncer!
- Although Francis liked his variety of jobs, he felt called to the church and had a strong relationship with God, which I think would have had a significant affect on his thoughts and feelings. We will learn more about this on a different slide.



A significant moment in Pope Francis' life

- When Francis was 21 years old, he suffered a severe case of pneumonia.
- As a result of this, Francis had to get part of his right lung removed.
- After this severe illness, Francis began rethinking his life choices and thought about what he really wanted to achieve in his life.
- Pope Francis had a vocation (A calling to serve God or to carry out a special purpose in life) to become a priest and pursue a "career" in religion.
- He decided to join The Society of Jesus (The Jesuits) in 1958.
- Francis was ordained a Catholic Priest in 1969.
- From 1973 to 1979 Francis was Argentina's provincial superior of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).
- I personally think that Pope Francis was born to be a member of the Catholic Church and to spread the word of Christianity.





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Pope Francis' Beliefs

- Pope Francis has great respect for Islam and believes that Christianity and Islam are equal in the eyes of God.
- He also thinks that if all major world religions joined together to create one world religion with a common goal, the world would be a much happier place and that there would be more equality. I think that this would make people feel closer as a community.
- Pope Francis has signed a historic covenant with leaders of the world's major faiths to encourage this to happen.
- One of Pope Francis' major beliefs is that everyone has the right to celebrate their religion, and they should not be denied this right based on the area they live in or their "social status".
- Pope Francis truly believes that everyone is equal in the eyes of God and that everyone should celebrate their beliefs together and form a closer community.
- Pope Francis strongly believes in saving the environment and thinks that all Catholics and people of the world should make a greater effort to preserve our planet.
- I think that Pope Francis does a great job of sharing his beliefs with everyone and that he prioritises his beliefs based on what is happening in the world at that time and tries to spread awareness of important topics.



How Pope Francis Carried out his Beliefs



- Pope Francis made sure that his beliefs were taken into account and correctly carried out while organising the World Meeting Of Families in 2018.
- He did this by ensuring that all families were welcome no matter their shape, size, nationality, race or "social status".
- Francis invited many different families from various places all over Ireland to speak about their life and how religion impacts them.
- He also makes sure that all people are welcome to go to mass and celebrate their religious beliefs, as long as they do so respectfully.
- As a way of trying to save the environment, Pope Francis wrote his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, "On care for our common home". In this encyclical, The Pope critiques consumerism and irresponsible development, talks about environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "Swift and unified global action".
- I think that Pope Francis does a fantastic job of carrying out his beliefs as he makes sure that something he thinks is important and needs to be talked about is shared with everyone and gets the job done.



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Pope Francis' Positive Impact on the World

- Pope Francis has done many things in his life to make the world a better place.
- One of the things Pope Francis is highly commended for are his efforts to try and stop the homeless crisis.
- There are many homeless people all around the world but one person cannot help all of them. There are a large number of homeless people in Rome. In Milan, there are over 7,000 people left without a home.
- Pope Francis has done various things to try and help these poor people.
- A shelter for the homeless has been established just outside of the Vatican walls and was opened by Pope Francis. It is called "Gift of Mercy" (Dono di Misericordia).
- Francis even allowed a deceased man who was homeless to be buried in the Vatican.
- I personally applaud Pope Francis for the honourable effort he is making to help the homeless. I think his work is definitely having a positive impact on the world as it has encouraged myself and others to strive to do our best, to be grateful for everything we have and to help others in times of need and doubt.



Pope Francis' Commitments

- As we learned on the previous slide, Pope Francis is very committed to having a positive impact on the world and helping the homeless crisis.
- As Pope, one of Francis' main commitments is saying mass for the people. His mass usually takes place on Wednesdays and Sundays and is open to the public, however you do need a ticket, but luckily they are free!
- Almost every Sunday he is in Rome, The Pope recites the Angelus (or the Regina Coeli during Easter) at noon from a balcony overlooking St. Peters Square. You do not need a ticket for this, however it can be quite crowded and hard to see the Pope, so it might be one to bring your glasses/binoculars too!
- I personally would love to go to one of these events as Pope Francis works so hard to ensure that they are a safe and welcoming place for everyone and I think it is definitely one for the bucket list!





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Pope Francis' election as Pope and the reasoning behind it



Inspirational Quotes by Pope Francis and reflection



- I think that these quotes are very inspirational as they teach us the importance of doing good deeds for one another which I think will inspire everyone to strive to do better and be more like Pope Francis.
- The bottom quote talks about the importance of having Christ at the centre of your life. This quote inspires myself and many others to keep a strong relationship with God by going to mass often and praying when I have time or need guidance/help with something. It reassures me that if we have faith in God, we will always have someone to talk to and someone to share our life with.
- Overall, I think these quotes really summarise the key points I have talked about in this cba such as Pope Francis' beliefs, morals and positive impact on the world as they show us what Pope Francis thinks is important in life and how he tries to be a better person every single day.
- Pope Francis inspires me to be a more positive and kind person with God at the centre of my life and I really enjoyed learning more about him and his values, morals and worldviews. I will definitely be reconsidering my thoughts and actions regarding what Pope Francis talks about and believes in.



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TEACHER ANNOTATIONS USING THE FEATURES OF QUALITY

The annotations capture observations by the teacher, using the features of quality, with a view to establishing the level of achievement this work reflects. The annotations and judgments were confirmed by a Quality Assurance group, consisting of practising teachers and representatives of the NCCA, the Inspectorate, the State Exams Commission and the Junior Cycle for Teachers support service.

TEACHER ANNOTATIONS

Feature of Quality 1 The student displays good research on the life of Pope Francis, with a focus on key events in his life and his commitment to interfaith dialogue, the environment, people living in homelessness, prayer and the family. It would have strengthened this report if the research went a bit deeper and probed the origins of these commitments and specifically explained how his Christian faith influenced these. In other words, how is commitment to care for the earth and care for those who are homeless linked to the Gospel message which inspires his life?

Feature of Quality 2 The student gives a good, although somewhat disjointed, account of Pope Francis' beliefs and the positive impact he has had on the world. While there is some detail around the Pope's efforts to raise awareness about homelessness, the opportunity to link this back to core Christian values and beliefs (e.g. the dignity of the human person created in the image of God) is missed. Further information and reflection on the religious beliefs that underpin Pope Francis' life, actions and commitments would further strengthen the report.

Feature of Quality 3 The student's personal responses are threaded throughout the report which is commendable. At the end of the report the student builds some personal reflections using two quotes from Pope Francis, which is an interesting approach.

OVERALL JUDGEMENT:



In line with expectations