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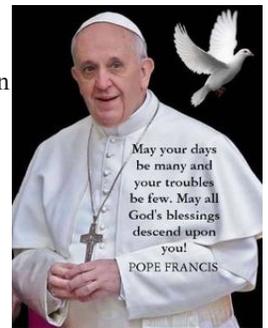
Pope Francis

Pope Francis turns 80 this month! (December 17th) Find great resources about and from Pope Francis. From books, films and online resources, share and learn more about Pope Francis.

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[The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium](#) (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2013. The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) is the teaching of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. Pope Francis is calling upon the Church and the world with encouragement to begin a new chapter in evangelization. This dynamic document is written in the plain, everyday language for which the pope has become famous. (S,A)



[On Care For Our Common Home: Laudato Si](#) (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015. Pope Francis draws all Christians into a dialogue with every person on the planet about our common home. We as human beings are united by the concern for our planet, and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Pope Francis letter joins the body of the Church's social and moral teaching, draws on the best scientific research, providing the foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows. Laudato Si outlines: The current state of our common home; The Gospel message as seen through creation; The human causes of the ecological crisis; Ecology and the common good; Pope Francis' call to action for each of us. (S,A)

[Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads: Lessons from the First Jesuit Pope](#) (Book) Lowney, Chris, Loyola Press, 2013. Pope Francis has captured the attention of the media and Catholics all over the world with his seemingly counterintuitive approach to leadership. Chris Lowney offers an in depth look at how Pope Francis Jesuit training directly impacted the various leadership roles he has held as priest, bishop, cardinal, and now Pope and what his past leadership actions can tell us about how he is likely to lead in the future. (A)

[The Jesuits: A History from Ignatius to the Present](#) (Book) O'Malley, John W., Rowman & Littlefield, 2015. As Pope Francis continues to make his mark on the church, there is increased interest in his Jesuit background what is the Society of Jesus, how is it different from other religious orders, and how has it shaped the world. O Malley provides essential historical background from the founder Ignatius of Loyola through the present. The book tells the story of the Jesuits great successes as missionaries, educators, scientists, cartographers, polemicists, theologians, poets, patrons of the arts, and confessors to kings. It tells the story of their failures and of the calamity that struck them in 1773 when Pope Clement XIV suppressed them worldwide. It tells how a subsequent pope restored them to life and how they have fared to this day in virtually every country in the world. Along the way it introduces readers to key figures in Jesuit history, such as Matteo Ricci and Pedro Arrupe, and important Jesuit writings, such as the Spiritual Exercises. Concise and compelling, The Jesuits is an accessible introduction for anyone interested in world or church history. In addition to the narrative, the book provides a timeline, a list of significant figures, photos of important figures and locations, recommendations for additional reading, and more. (A)

[Pope Francis and the New Vatican](#) (Book) Yoder, Dave, National Geographic, 2015. Provides an intimate look inside Pope Francis' Vatican, discussing his public life and personal crusades, and the inner workings of the Vatican. Embedded with the Pope inside the Vatican for 6 months, award-winning photographer David Yoder captures intimate moments in never-before-seen photographs presented here for the first time--including in the Sistine Chapel with the Pope alone on Christmas Day. (A)

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[In Him Alone is our Hope](#) (Book) Pope Francis, Magnificat, 2013. In this book, then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio answers these questions himself as he preaches a retreat to the bishops of Spain. Following the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, he meditates upon the crucial issues at stake in the vocation of a bishop. In so doing, he offers us his vision of the Church, setting forth the outlines of what could well be the reform program of Pope Francis. (A)

[The Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis: The Joy of Evangelization](#) (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2013. Pope Francis has captured the attention of the world with his simple ways, humbleness, and love for the poor and sick. With the Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis, be transported to St. Peter's Square and listen to his teachings as he presents simple and profound insights for our modern times. (A)

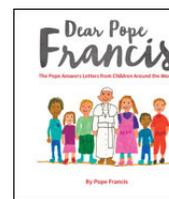
[The Social Teaching of Pope Francis](#) (Audio CD) CSC Digital Media, 2014. Pope Francis has captivated those both within and outside of the Catholic Church with his sense of open engagement. For many, he represents a new beginning and thus has created a renewed interest in Catholicism. This session will explore Pope Francis' teachings on social justice issues. We will discover how he is deeply rooted in the long history of prior Catholic social teaching, and consider the new emphases and challenges he offers to people of faith living in an unjust world. (A)

[Who is Pope Francis?](#) (DVD) Ignatius Press, 2013. This documentary film gives an excellent overview into the life, thought and work of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, formerly Archbishop of Buenos Aires and now Pope Francis. It contains previously unreleased recordings and endearing images of Cardinal Bergoglio. His words and actions convey the unique charisma of this surprise Argentine Pope whose humility, kindness and courage are winning countless admirers to a renewed interest in the Papacy. The film includes comments on the new Pope by the Provincial of the Society of Jesus in Argentina and Spain, and from a Spanish bishop on the spiritual exercises preached by Cardinal Bergoglio to the Bishops. The film also shows many inspiring images of the papal conclave, and the most emotional details of the first appearances of Pope Francis, sprinkled with humor and warm emotion. Includes a bonus extra film of an interview done with Cardinal Bergoglio only a few months before his election as Pope. (S,A)

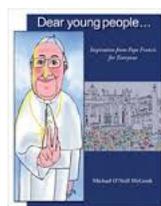
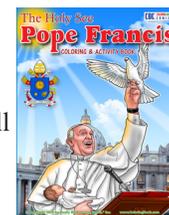
[Francis: The Pope From the New World](#) (DVD) Janson Media, 2013. Explores the abiding compassion and unwavering resolve of a priest, a bishop and now a Pope seeking to bring the Church to the frontiers of society. From overcoming the challenges of the day including Argentina's Dirty War, to his tireless advocacy for the poor, this film paints an indelible portrait of a towering figure of our time. (S,A)

Pope Francis for Children

[Dear Pope Francis](#) (Book) Loyola Press, 2016. If you could ask Pope Francis one question, what would it be? Children have questions and struggles just like adults, but rarely are they given the chance to voice their concerns and ask the big questions resting deep in their hearts. In Dear Pope Francis, Pope Francis gives them that chance and celebrates their spiritual depth by directly answering questions from children around the world. Some are fun. Some are serious. And some will quietly break your heart. But all of them are from children who deserve to know and feel God's unconditional love. (P,I)



[The Holy See Pope Francis Coloring & Activity Book](#) (Book) Really Big Coloring Books, 2014. Designed to be a fun educational activity book to help young children learn all about the Pope. Designed for young children of all ages and those who wish to learn and educate others on the Pope. With 28 pages of learning and entertainment, the book will certainly educate an entire classroom of students for many hours. (P,I)



[Dear Young People: Inspiration from Pope Francis for Everyone](#) (Book) McGrath, Br. Mickey, World Library Publications, 2015. McGrath presents a new book for young people containing inspiration from Pope Francis in the form of quotations and tweets. Colorful and sometimes whimsical art helps illustrate Francis' vision for making the kingdom of God real in our world. Brother Mickey adds his own writings to include his encounters in daily life where he meets the marginalized, the sick, the poor, and those in desperate need of a better life. Mickey's years as an educator give him a unique insight into the minds of those eager to grow and learn. (I,J,S)

[Lessons from Pope Francis for Children](#) (Book) Burrin, Angela, Word Among Us Press, 2014. Pope Francis has lessons for all of us young and old alike. In this beautifully illustrated book, the Holy Father talks about God's love, our friendship with Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the importance prayer and taking care of the poor, how to get along in our families, and more. Each lesson is paired with a story from the Bible from the parable of the Good Samaritan to the wedding feast at Cana. (P,I)

