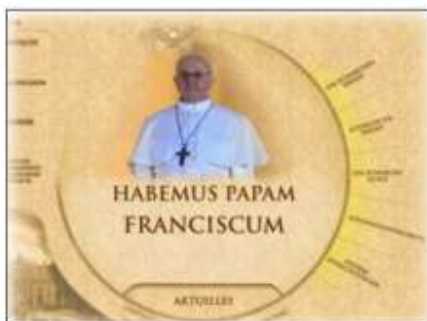




## Habemus Papam: Francis

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ROME, VIS/mda. Cardinal Jorge

Mario Bergoglio SJ has been elected Pope, the 265th successor of St Peter, and has taken the name Francis. He is the first Latin American Pope, the first Jesuit Pope, and the first Francis. He is the Pope who met with the Schoenstatt Fathers of the Sion Patris Province less than two weeks ago. At this meeting he said that the Church has to become more missionary, that it has "to go out onto the streets", and support those who suffer...

At 8:24pm, the Holy Father Francis, preceded by the Cross, appeared at the Loggia of the brightly lit Vatican Basilica. Before imparting the "Urbi et Orbi" ("to the city and the world) apostolic blessing he greeted the enormous crowd that had been gathering all afternoon in cold and rainy St. Peter's Square saying:

"Dear brothers and sisters,

Good evening. You know that the duty of the Conclave was to give Rome a bishop. It seems that my brother cardinals picked

### **The Year of Grace!**

*The Year of Grace is calling you; inviting you - as a person, as a couple, as a family, as a parish, as an Archdiocese – to bring Christ back to the centre of your life. To know him personally, to experience his presence in your life for yourself, to reflect on his life and his death and resurrection.*

*So here is the invitation – in the words of Archbishop Timothy Costelloe,*

*"Come to know Christ once again by meeting him in the pages of the gospels. Open yourselves to him by finding him in the celebration of the Eucharist. Encounter him by entering into moments of prayer and meditation. Rediscover him by tracing the pattern of his presence and his love in your life. Spend time with him in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Share your discovery and your experience of him with others. If we all do this Christ will shape our minds and hearts so that we can recognize him and meet him in others and serve him in them."*

*Here at the Faith Centre, we will be a resource centre to equip you with the tools and content that will help you in your relationship with Christ; through social media and video productions, through interviews, blog articles and resources to download. We hope to share stories about people and their faith, about Parishes and the Year of Grace.*

*If you would like to share your thoughts and experiences relating to [the Year of Grace](#), please send them to [media@thefaith.org.au](mailto:media@thefaith.org.au) along with some information about your Parish and yourself.*

*(From "Thefaith.org.au website")*

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in our world today**

**and educate us  
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him from almost the ends of the earth. But here we are! I thank you for the warm welcome. The diocesan community of Rome has its bishop. Thank you! First and foremost I would like to say a prayer for our Bishop Emeritus Benedict XVI. Let us pray together for him, that the Lord bless him and the Virgin keep him."

After leading the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Gloria, Pope Francis again addressed the crowd saying:

"And now let us begin this journey, bishop and people, this journey of the Church of Rome, which is the one that leads all the churches in charity. A journey of fraternity, of trust between us. Let us always pray for one another. Let us pray for the world so that this might be a great brotherhood. I hope that this journey of the Church that we begin today, and in which my Cardinal Vicar here present will assist me, will be fruitful for the evangelization of this beautiful city."

"Now I would like to impart the blessing, but first, first I ask a favor of you. Before the bishop blesses the people, I ask that you pray to the Lord that He bless me: the prayer of the people asking a blessing for their bishop. Let us pray in silence, this your prayer for me."

"Now I will impart the blessing to you and all the world, to all men and women of good will."

After imparting the apostolic blessing Pope Francis added: "Brothers and sisters, I take my leave. Thank you for your warm

welcome. Tomorrow I'm going to pray to the Virgin, that she will safeguard all of Rome. Good night and rest well."

## A Church of open doors



In his message for Holy Week Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis I, challenged all Movements and parishes to go out onto the streets "as living Christs" and in this way transform the Church into a "Church with open doors". These doors stand open not only to welcome people, but so that believers can go out and celebrate Christ in the midst of the world, and in this way help those who do not come on their own, because "the Church calls upon us unceasingly to the New Evangelisation, and asks us to take practical steps in witnessing what we are and what we have received."

*"Time is of the essence. We have no right to remain caressing our own souls. We have no right to close ourselves off in our own tiny, narrow knick-knacks. We have no right to love one another*

One of our children in our after school Catechism class wrote this last year in the little journal that Sr Lisette puts in with the Pilgrim Mother pictures that go home with the children. It is from the heart.

FROM THE ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATECHISM CLASS :

*"I prayed for my family in front of Mother Mary and baby Jesus with a candle, with the rosary beads and the holy water.*

*I love talking to Mother Mary, she makes me feel confident and strong and brave. I love Mother Mary and no one can change that."*

*-Aimee Terriaca (Yr 5)*

We have permission from her father to publish it.

### More Information for your Diary!!

**Because we have Formation Days on April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>**, the Coordinator's Committee decided that **we bring the Covenant Sunday forward to April 14<sup>th</sup>** as Fr. Prabhu is here and we finish the day with Holy Mass at 3 pm.

Also, we will have a Major Raffle from May 5th to our Spring Fair on November 3rd!!! Great and fantastic prizes! Thank you for your support.

We also will have a Dinner Dance on September 6th. Details will be issued as soon as we have everything organised.

Pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, whose inauguration was on the 19th March! He needs our prayers and the help of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Church.

In February 2009, the "Conference 2014 Team" suggested that this symbol begins its pilgrimage throughout the world in preparation for 2014, when the Schoenstatt Movement will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We wish that with its presence, the Schoenstatt Family will purify itself and grow in unity and apostolic spirit to strengthen its members in their service of the Church and Society.

As the worldwide Schoenstatt Family we enter into the Jubilee Year of the Covenant of Love on 17-18 October 2013. This will reach its climax on 18 October 2014 with its graces and experiences, and come to a head when the participants are sent out by our Holy Father in Rome. On 18 October 2013 all the shrines across the world, and wherever Schoenstatt exists, should celebrate the Covenant Day with particular solemnity as the first day of the Jubilee Year of Grace.

We would like as many of our Schoenstatt Family as possible to attend this momentous occasion to show our appreciation for the parish of Armadale, Sr Francis Xavier and Fr. Kaz.



*in all peace and quiet. ... We have to go out and talk to the people of the city we see on the balconies. We have to go out from our eggshell and tell them that Jesus is alive, that Jesus is living for them, for each one, and we have to say this with joy ... even when it sometimes seems a bit crazy to us."*

## **Our congratulations to Pope Francis I should find expression in our prayers and our missionary outreach!**

Taken from our Schoenstatt Website

<http://www.schoenstatt.org/en/news/1418/53/Habemus-Papam-Francis.htm#.UUQ8t2rJVdQ.email>

### **Fr. Prabhu Visit from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013**



#### **Welcome of Father Symbol**

**Wednesday 3 April** at 15.40 pm at the airport.

5 pm "Stations" at the Shrine in Armadale Prayers Meditation Song

5.45 pm Benediction private encounter with Father Symbol

7 pm Holy Mass, followed by a Shared Meal

5 April, Friday

10 am Holy Mass/Shrine

