

Why young people love Pope Francis?

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What religious event/life event/person
have made a profound impact on your
faith when you were a young adult?
And Why?

The Millennials

- 18-35 years old
- The least religious generation in America
- "Homeless" in their faith & identity
- Linked by social media, burdened by debts
- Distrustful of people, in no rush to marry
- Optimistic about the future

Genuine needs of the Millennials

- Trust
- Genuine care and love
- Autonomy and Empowerment (forging and embracing their new and own identity as Catholic-Christian)
- (according to sociologist Christian Smith from University of Notre Dame)

From a humble beginning...

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POPE FRANCIS
USED TO WORK AS A
BAR BOUNCER



Jorge Mario Bergoglio

- Ordination: December 13, 1969
- National Assistant of CLC Argentina in the late 60s
- Provincial Superior of Society of Jesus in Argentina (1973-1979)
- 1998, became Archbishop of Buenos Aires
- 2001, was elevated as Cardinal by Pope John Paul II

...to a humble servant of
Christ and His Church



1. He is all about the people

- Taking selfies
- Reaching out to children
- Building connections with those who gather to see him
- Willing to take risks & step outside what he calls the "sardine can"
- Approachable & make all feel welcome

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2. Who am I to judge?

- Pope makes clear the Church's central message of love and mercy
- The leader of the Church making a strong statement that people are more important than politics

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- Live in a simple, two-room suite, with modest vestments
- Cutting bonuses in the Vatican
- Epitome of a humble servant

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- Dedicated to the poor and marginalized and showing the world that the Catholic Church can talk the talk and walk the walk
- Encouraging service and sacrifice, not by telling but by doing

Talk the talk and walk the walk



4. He use Twitter!



Pope Francis 

@Pontifex

 **Follow**

Dear young people, do not be mediocre; the Christian life challenges us with great ideals.

5:30 AM - 15 Jul 2014



9,630



11,845

4. He use Twitter!

- 12 millions followers on Twitter
- Through traditional and social media, Pope Francis is changing the public face of the Church
- People of all faiths are getting to see how love and acceptance are a part of Catholic teaching
- The Pope is making it cool for young people to share their faith

5. He is human

- Pope Francis said of himself: "The Pope is a man who laughs, cries, sleep well and has friends like everyone else; a normal person"
- He does not view himself as living above the people he serves, but as one who walks with all of us in our journey to follow Christ

5. He is human



- He is out working with people, talking to people, and adapting his role as a world leader and religious leader to communicate with and relate to ordinary people, especially young people, in hopes to bring the world closer to Christ.



"What's down in the Well
comes up in the Bucket"

Pope Francis is deeply rooted in Ignatian Spirituality



Ignatian Spirituality

- Finding God in all things
- Becoming a contemplative in action
- Looking at and being in the world in an incarnational way
- Freedom and detachment

From his roots...

- "Detached", "Indifferent" disposition, inner freedom
- Open towards anything, ready to go where God wishes...
- "Contemplative in action": a person in a busy world with a listening heart
- Ingenuity and flexibility
- Jesus as a friend

...to the frontiers

- The accession of Cardinal Bergoglio himself to the papacy. If a Jesuit is asked to do something by the Church, he is available
- Washing of the feet of 10 men & 2 women at a juvenile detention center in Rome during the Holy Thursday liturgy
- Embrace a disabled child spontaneously by stopping a papal motorcade
- Use Ignatian contemplation in his homilies

Pope Francis is so loved by the young people because...

- He offers an authenticity and genuine-ness that inspire Trust and Renewed Enthusiasm
- He is a living example of how Catholics can live out their faith with Joy and Courage, and be a witness of Christ's Love and Mercy
- Again, he talks the talk and walks the walk

Pope Francis is so loved by the young people because...

- Deeply rooted and continuously be transformed by God through Ignatian spirituality, he is living out God's dream for him
- He is the "bridge" that connects young people to Jesus and His Church

What event/gathering/person in Dong Hanh
or CLC (local/regional/national) have made
a deep impact in your spiritual journey?
And Why?

What do these 2 men have in common?



The young adults are the presence of the Church



What is a great way to connect and evangelize to the young people?



Another young person.

- "We cannot build our societies unless we respect and honor the young people in our midst. They are the ones with the imagination, the energy, the desire to change things."
-Fr. Nicolas SJ-

- "Ignatius helps us " touch bottom" as it were; to enter the depths of our hearts in order to find the work of the Spirit, who is the most reliable source of inspiration for the right decision about what is important" -Fr. Nicolas SJ-

- "The challenge then is to help the young become sensitive to the marvelous forces and movements that God, other people, reality, and their own generosity and life produce in their hearts" -Fr. Nicolas SJ-

- "Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!" -Pope Francis-

- "Dear young people, let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed of what is true and beautiful, what is of God!" -Pope Francis-

- "The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you." -Pope Francis, WYD 2014-



As CLCers, rooted in Ignatian spirituality, how can we respond deeper to Christ's call to serve the young adults, to draw them closer to Him and His Church?

What if we follow Pope Francis' blueprint...

- Be present with them, where they are in their life & spiritual journey
- Be real. Be yourself
- Listen to them without judgement & help them to listen deeper

What if we follow Pope Francis' blueprint...

- Speak their language
- Accompany and challenge, but trust and empower them
- Open for collaboration



"Go, do not be afraid, and serve"

