

Pastor's Column

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Pope Francis Quotes—Enjoy!



“Jesus did not preach his own politics: he accompanied others.”

“In our ecclesiastical region there are priests who don't baptize the children of single mothers because they weren't conceived in the sanctity of marriage. These are today's hypocrites...Those who clericalize the Church...Those who separate the people of God from salvation.”

“Not paying fairly, not giving a job because you are only looking at balance

sheets, only looking at how to make a profit...That goes against God!”

“Only we big sinners have this grace of knowing what salvation really means.”

“Sin is not a stain that I must wash out. What I need to do is ask forgiveness and reconcile myself, not go to the drycleaners. I have to go encounter Jesus who gave his life for me.”

“There'd come the moment when the kite would begin making a figure 8 and begin falling. In order to keep that from happening, you mustn't pull the string. The kids who knew more than us would scream, 'Give it some slack, it's wobbling!'”

“We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a Church that is wrapped up in its own world: when a Church becomes like this, it grows sick.”

“We are afraid of God's surprises; we are afraid of God's surprises! He always surprises us!”

“A good priest can be recognized by the way his people are anointed.”

“An example I often use to illustrate the reality of vanity, is this: look at the peacock. It's beautiful if you look at it from the front. But if you look at it from behind, you discover the truth. Whoever gives in to such self-absorbed vanity has huge misery hiding inside them.”

“If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?”

“One must think of women in the Church. We have not done enough theology on this.”

“It's best to not confuse optimism with hope. Optimism is a psychological attitude toward life. Hope goes further.”

“The Catholic Church is aware of the importance of the promotion of friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions—this I wish to repeat: the promotion of friendship and respect of men and women of different religious traditions—this is attested evidence also in the valuable work undertaken by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.”

And we have only just begun...

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