



On the occasion of Pope Francis' 5th anniversary, the statistics gathered by the Holy See's Press Office helps us reflect on the importance of his Papacy.

On 19 March, 2013, the Solemnity of St Joseph, Pope Francis celebrated Mass inaugurating his pontificate. Since then, the 81 year old pontiff has certainly left his mark on the Church. The statistics put together by the Holy See's Press Office (see below) give us but an outline of Pope Francis' papacy.

In the footsteps of John Paul II and Benedict XVI

Pope Francis has demonstrated that he is continuing in the footsteps of both John Paul II and Benedict XVI. The themes of both synods – the Family and young people – were very dear to John Paul II. And both Encyclicals have connections with Benedict XVI. The first, *Lumen Fidei*, is based on a manuscript begun by Pope Benedict and concludes his Encyclicals on Faith, Hope and Charity. The second, *Laudato Si'*, not only cites Pope Benedict numerous times, but also treats a recurring theme from Pope Benedict's pontificate.

Pope Francis' Signature

But Pope Francis is also leaving his own mark on the Papacy, one which is rooted in his formation and pastoral experience in Argentina. The creation of a special Council of Cardinals to assist him in the reform of the Roman Curia is a concrete example of the collegiality that Pope Francis embraces.

Perhaps most remarkable of all is the Pope's affable and affectionate personality which

shines through every public and personal encounter with him. Francis is a Pope who enters into the everyday lives of people with phone calls and letters, with “Good evening”, “enjoy your lunch”, and “please don’t forget to pray for me.”

Statistics released by the Holy See's Press Office

## Encyclicals

Lumen fidei (20 June 2013)

Laudato si' (24 May 2015)

## Apostolic Exhortations

Evangelii gaudium (24 November 2013)

Amoris laetitia (19 March 2016)

## Bulls

Misericordiae vultus (11 April 2015)

## Motu Proprios

3 in 2013

2 in 2014

4 in 2015

9 in 2016

4 in 2017

1 in 2018

General audiences 219

Themes of the Wednesday Catechesis

Profession of Faith

The Sacraments

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Church

The Family

Mercy

Christian hope

The Holy Mass

Angelus/Regina Coeli 286

International trips: 22

Pope Francis has traveled a total of 250,000km visiting: Brasil, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, South Korea, Albania, the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, Turkey, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay, Cuba, the United States, Kenya, Uganda, Central African Republic, Mexico, Greece, Armenia, Poland, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Sweden, Egypt, Portugal, Colombia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Chile, Peru

Trips within Italy: 18

Pastoral visits to the parishes of Rome: 16

Synods:

III Extraordinary Synod on the Family (5-19 October 2014)

XIV Ordinary Synod on the Family (4-25 October 2015)

XVI Ordinary Synod on Youth (3-18 October 2018)

Special Synod on the Amazon (October 2019)

Special Years

Year of Consecrated Life (29 November 2014–2 February 2016)

Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy (8 December 2015–20 November 2016)

Special Months

Extraordinary Missionary month (October 2019)

World Days

World Day of fasting and prayer for Peace I: Syria (7 September 2013)

24 Hours for the Lord a Friday in Lent (inaugurated in 2014)

World day of prayer for creation: 1 September (inaugurated in 2015)

World day of the poor: 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (inaugurated in 2017)

Sunday of the Word: One Sunday during the Liturgical Year (inaugurated in 2017)

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Second Sunday of September (inaugurated 14 January 2018)

World day of prayer and fasting for peace II: South Sudan, Congo and Syria (23 February 2018)

World Youth Days

28th World Day in Rio de Janeiro: 23-28 July 2013

31st World Day in Krakow: 26-31 July 2016

34th World Day in Panama: 22-27 January 2019

Consistories for the creation of Cardinals

Pope Francis has created a total of 61 cardinals. Of these, 49 are electors and 12 are non-electors (one of whom has subsequently died)

19 Cardinals created on 22 February 2014

20 Cardinals created on 14 February 2015

17 Cardinals created on 19 November 2016

5 Cardinals created on 28 June 2017

Canonizations

Pope Francis has canonized a total of 880 saints, 800 of whom are the Martyrs of Otranto

9 canonization ceremonies in the Vatican

3 canonizations ceremonies outside of the Vatican: United States, Sri Lanka, Portugal

5 canonizations equipollent