

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS . . .

A series of Days of Reflection viewing videos by Pope Francis and/or about documents he has written during his Papacy since March 2013. We will view the videos of some of the more important writings of his, followed by a Conversation in the Spirit. Though it is highly recommended, one does not have to attend every session to benefit from the program.



Registration: *Our day will begin with gathering at 8:30am and end at 3pm; it will include mass and lunch. Because of a generous donor, the cost will be only \$15 rather than the usual \$35. To register contact the Retreat House at 504-267-9604 or on line at neworleansretreats.com. The first session is set for Tuesday, October 1, 2024.*

1. **“Francis the Pope: Story of His Life”** (54:13 min) . . . On March 13, 2013 cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church stunned the world when they elected Jorge Mario Bergoglio as Pope Francis, the first Latin American Pontiff. Through unedited testimonies, we hear from those who know him best, those who lived with Bergoglio - from his only living sister, Maria Elena, to his successor as superior-general of the Jesuits in Argentina.
2. **2013 “Joy of the Gospel”:** *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) is a 2013 apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis "On the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world". In its opening paragraph, Pope Francis urged the entire Church "to embark on a new chapter of evangelism.” *Evangelii Gaudium* touches on many of the themes of Francis' papacy. It has been described by Italian theologian Massimo Faggioli as "the manifesto of Francis" and a "Magna Carta for church reform." . . .
 - **Part One: Reflections from Catholic Theological Union Faculty.** (4:26 min) Professor Steve Bevans, SVD, introduces the Exhortation. He shares his thoughts on the *Evangelii Gaudium*, and gives a preview of the document.
 - **Part Two: Reflections from Catholic Theological Union Faculty.** (8:21 min) Robert Schreiter, CPPS, reflects on the quote, "In the basic core of the gospel, what shines forth is the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died on the cross and was raised from the dead." [36].
3. **2015: “Laudato Si: A Canadian Response”** (35:56 min) . This video presents the views of nine prominent Canadians among whom are David Suzuki, Maude Barlow,

Silver Don Cameron and Gregor Robertson as they reflect on the Encyclical. 23 excerpts from *Laudato Si'* help the viewer read the actual words of the 192 page document.

4. **2016: Amoris Laetitia Special Edition: Vatican News** (41.21 min) On April 7, 2016, Pope Francis released the apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love"), which addresses marriage, family, divorce and other important modern issues. In summary, then, Amoris Laetitia emphatically affirms the very rich and complex reality of family life, in a kindly, open-hearted way, profoundly positive, nourished by pastoral attention to reality.
5. **2017: TED Talk by Pope Francis: "Why The Only Future Worth Building Includes Everyone"** (17:52 min) In this video/talk, Pope Francis comments on the state of the world as we find it today and shares some ideas on how we can find hope for the future in togetherness.
6. **2018: "Rejoice and Be Glad"** (4:26 min) On Apr 9, 2018 Pope Francis released a new apostolic exhortation today: "Gaudete et Exsultate." In this video presentation, Fr. James Martin, S.J.'s shares his top five takeaways from this new document. [*Handout of Text*]
7. **2018: "Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting And Integrating Migrants And Refugees"** (3:35 min) The Church has celebrated the World Day of Migrants and Refugees each year since 1914. This is an occasion for the Church and people of faith to reflect upon the role migration has played in our tradition, express concern for migrants, refugees, and people on the move, and build awareness about the challenges and opportunities migration presents. For 2018, Pope Francis has written about welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees. The Pope's 3-minute video, with subtitles in each language, explains our basic response to migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and the displaced.
8. **2020: "Fratelli Tutti" – Brothers and Sisters All** (4:54 min) Pope Francis' new encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, came out October 4, 2020 – Feast of St. Francis Assisi. It's a diagnosis of our social ills, which have been complicated by the covid-19 pandemic. Francis has said for months that we can't go back to the way the world was before the pandemic: This is our chance to build a new society based on loving our neighbor. In Fratelli Tutti, he lays out that vision.
9. **2024 "Pope Francis With Norah O'Donnell"** (43.56 min) On May 21, 2024 Pope Francis sat down for a global exclusive interview with CBS Evening News anchor and

managing editor Norah O'Donnell from the Vatican. In a wide-ranging conversation, Francis speaks about the wars across the world, immigration, climate change, his vision for the Catholic Church and his legacy. Ahead of the Church's first World Children's Day, the Pontiff talks about children as hope for the future.