

**PART Two**

*This data comes from our Survey Monkey entitled **I am a Catholic***

*There were 385 respondents*

<b>How do you currently self-identify? Please select all that apply to you today.</b>		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Christian	25.65%	99
Spiritual but not Religious.	6.48%	25
Practicing Catholic	81.35%	314
Agnostic	0.52%	2
Catholic, but not Practicing.	8.81%	34
Someone who Practices Mindfulness.	18.39%	71
Also affiliated with a religion other than Roman Catholicism.	2.85%	11
Cultural Catholic, it's part of my heritage.	33.16%	128
My spouse/partner is Catholic.	20.21%	78
Baptized in another faith but I attend Catholic services.	1.30%	5
Minimally Catholic	5.96%	23
Other (please specify)		33
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>386</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>We'd like to understand your experience of being Catholic. Please mark all statements below that apply to you today.</b>		
Answer Choices	Responses	
I take my Catholic faith very seriously.	66.41%	261
Being affiliated with a religion does not necessarily make you religious or spiritual.	32.82%	129
I do not go to Mass, but I'm Catholic in my heart and actions.	15.78%	62
When I'm with my family I go to church to please them.	3.56%	14

I will attend Mass, but the institutional Church is no longer relevant to me.	11.20%	44
I have Christian symbols in my home.	71.25%	280
Many of the values I hold in life come from my Catholic upbringing.	76.84%	302
Mass is boring and I don't get much out of it.	3.82%	15
I would like Masses that are especially welcoming to families with small children.	20.10%	79
My child/children is/are being raised Catholic.	40.46%	159
I'm just too busy to spend much time thinking about spiritual things.	0.76%	3
I believe in a Divine presence.	76.59%	301
I believe God intervenes in people's lives.	68.70%	270
I believe there is something "more" beyond us, that calls to us.	71.76%	282
I believe that God's nature is incomprehensible and limitless.	65.14%	256
I pray/talk to deceased relatives and friends.	61.07%	240
I have a personal relationship with God.	70.48%	277
I believe that God engages us at our deepest level in dreams, internal "proddings" and through other people.	59.54%	234
I believe that God engages us at our deepest level through scripture and devotional practices.	47.58%	187
Belonging to a parish is an essential aspect of being Catholic for me.	53.94%	212
My spirituality encompasses multiple religious traditions and cultural views.	29.52%	116
I find it hard to practice my Catholic faith when my spouse/partner is not Catholic.	4.58%	18
Attending Mass nourishes my spirituality.	68.70%	270
I participate in outreach activities because of my Catholic faith.	32.82%	129
I belong to a faith sharing group.	17.30%	68
I would like to belong to a faith sharing group.	11.70%	46
I pray at meals.	49.11%	193
I have a spiritual director.	4.83%	19
I'm disappointed that my children are no longer Catholic.	18.83%	74
I'm disappointed that my grandchildren are not baptized.	9.41%	37
The sexual abuse scandal makes me question my association with the Catholic Church.	31.55%	124
The Church is the people of God.	49.87%	196

I have been in/or are currently in a Bible study.	29.01%	114
I have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.	44.78%	176
I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.	57.51%	226
Other (please specify)		49
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>393</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>We would like to know your thoughts on Catholic doctrine? Please mark all statements that personally apply to you today.</b>		
Answer Choices	Responses	
I accept the Church's authority and follow all of the Church's teachings.	16.07%	63
I believe that Jesus is fully present in the Eucharist in a special way.	77.04%	302
Some church doctrines are impossible for me to accept	43.62%	171
I believe that Catholicism is the only true religion	9.95%	39
I believe that Jesus was put to death to atone for our sins	64.54%	253
I believe that Jesus was a dynamic prophet, but I'm not sure that he was God	3.57%	14
I believe that Jesus revealed to humanity the very character of God	67.09%	263
I believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible	7.40%	29
I believe that the Bible is not to be taken literally	58.67%	230
I agree with the Church's stance on divorce	10.97%	43
I disagree with the Church's stance on divorce	54.85%	215
Some Church doctrine is out of step with the times	66.33%	260
I agree with the Church's stance on the ordination of women	13.27%	52
I disagree with the Church's stance on the ordination of women	65.05%	255
I believe in the Church's stance on LGBTQ+ people	11.99%	47
I disagree with the Church's stance on LGBTQ+ people	53.06%	208
I believe that Jesus rose from the dead	80.87%	317
I believe in the Church's stance on abortion	36.73%	144
I disagree with the Church's stance on abortion	35.46%	139

I believe in an afterlife	81.38%	319
Patriarchy is an important church tradition and should remain so	8.93%	35
The patriarchal structure of the Church must change in order for the Church to grow	63.01%	247
I believe in the Church's stance on birth control	9.18%	36
I disagree with the Church's stance on birth control	67.35%	264
I believe that the Church is capable of change	70.41%	276
I'm not sure there is an afterlife	4.59%	18
I don't believe in a God who would require God's own Son to suffer and die in order to forgive the human race its sins	5.61%	22
I believe everything we recite in the Creed	52.81%	207
I believe in the Church's stance on euthanasia	31.12%	122
I disagree with the Church's stand on euthanasia	22.45%	88
Other (please specify)		38
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>392</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>We would like to understand your experience of Holy Family Parish, South Pasadena. Please mark all responses that apply to you today.</b>		
Answer Choices	Responses	
I am not associated with Holy Family church(If you check this box please move on to question 5)	19.59%	76
The parish gives me tools that support the practice of my faith at home	47.94%	186
I feel isolated and alone when I attend mass	3.35%	13
The parish school is my source of connection and community life	8.76%	34
I am aware of the opportunities for community service offered by the parish	62.37%	242
I am aware of the opportunities for group prayer and meditation offered by the parish	55.15%	214
I know the names of all the priests at the parish	52.06%	202
For me, the parish is a convenient place to attend mass, I don't need it to be anything more	5.93%	23

I find the homilies help me understand the readings and their significance to my life	54.90%	213
I don't find the parish to be very welcoming	5.41%	21
I would like to serve more actively in the parish but I don't know how to get involved.	4.38%	17
I support the parish financially	53.87%	209
Music enhances my Mass experience.	62.89%	244
Music distracts from my Mass experience.	2.06%	8
I attend Mass at different parishes	27.06%	105
I find the parish a warm and welcoming place	55.15%	214
Other (please specify)		55
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>388</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>If you were having lunch with the Pope, what would you want to talk with him about?</b>
Responses
His life, his outlook, his philosophy, his opinion/feelings about marriage and relationships.
His upbringing in Argentina.
Why gays cannot be married, baptized or welcome in church
Admitting women in more roles
The poor leadership of the US Catholic Church.
I would like to talk about how I can help make this world a better place to live.
Pope Francis was the first pope that my children felt understood the modern world and that they supported. I would want to discuss how to continue the evolution of the church and what programs could assist the people in dealing with a very complex and challenging world.
I would like to know why nuns, who have take a vow of loyalty to the Catholic Church, cannot practice Mass and bless the Eucharist. How is a vow taken by a woman substantially different than one taken by a man? It's not like it's been going all that well with the current patriarchal structure.
The inclusion of women as deacons & the ordination of them to the priesthood. The ability & choice of priests to marry.

Ordination of women ( more substantial roles for women in the church) gay rights, divorce,
My question would be:  Our Catholic faith has been tested numerous times over history. Why are we choosing to suddenly relax our belief system regarding pre-marital sex, abortion, marriage simply because we need more parishioners? A great way to bring people back to the church and be more “of the times” is to eliminate lengthy announcements at mass and stick to a strict 1 hour - not a minute more- mass.... even 50 min with 10 min to socialize with parishioners would bring people back.
-Whatever he wants or needs to talk about.  -His most troubling concerns; what I can do to help him.  -What he loves most in his life; how he sees his work.
Climate change
Why are there no female priests? Does God not love all his creations equally? Why do we have princes in the Vatican? Why do we tell stories about Christ life and times?...
Regarding why the Church has strayed so much from the Bible’s teachings and have become so liberal and political.
Women have the right to become deacons and priests. The Catholic Church is the biggest discriminator against women. God will ask the Pope when he arrives in heaven why so many people on earth weren't able to receive the sacraments and attend mass. The Pope will tell him because of the shortage of priests and God will respond "Oh, the good old boy's club"
The increase role of women in the hierarchical structure of the church
a woman pope,women cardinals, women priests
How to improve the number of new vocations and the possibility of priests being married.
Jesus, holy spirit, God
Letting priests marry.
When will the Pope be a female?
How I could be a better person.

As we began our meal, I would want to pray with the Pope. At lunch, we would laugh a lot, exchange favorite books we were reading. We would talk about the role of the laity. Birth control. Welcome and LGBTQ community (not my personal community—but I feel a loss when there is alienation of any brothers or sisters in faith) and we would talk about which doctrines are over emphasized at the detriment of growing and nurturing the true Body of Christ. We would talk about Women Diaconate. Shared Communion with other Christians. We would talk about the formation of discipleship in the 21st Century and our youth. We would brainstorm ways to keep youth searching—not teaching them dogma—teaching them the ways of faith and then—much, much later—showing those on the journey what the passion requires of each of us. I would ask the Pope if we could keep in touch. And, I would ask him what I could do for him. And, indicate that I would love to participate in the upcoming Synod on Synodality...don't just have the Bishops talking this over. Finally, I would ask the Pope to encourage all faithful to really study the Vatican II documents to see how our parishes are living this call! I would ask the Pope to bless and pray over me. Then, I would ask the Pope if I could pray over him. And, I know he would say "Yes" to both. It would be a long afternoon—and Lord knows...it could just flow into a dinner too! Did I say we would laugh?

Looking forward to receiving my luncheon invitation!

What his mother was like

the afterlife

How Jesus would respond as a human being during current times!

Advancing the role of women in the church and priesthood.

Women becoming priest and/or priests being allowed to marry

Priesthood

About sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the world, about Christian unity.

I would like to talk to him about how our parish has evolved and is a progressive parish and how when other people discuss religion or how they disagree with the catholic church, I feel happy to say not all parishes are the way they view them. I love that our parish says "they are happy and welcoming of the presence of all who attend their mass no matter what religion or what their beliefs are. Accepting in all manners and I think that the Catholic church should be that way overall. I would like to discuss how I enjoyed that we had a female parish director and how her voice and views enhanced our parish overall. I was at first apprehensive but grew to enjoy Cambria's welcoming spirit and how she made me feel like getting more involved in parish activities.

We need to ordain women as deacons and priests.

I would suggest that the language of the community be utilized at Mass, including music, instead of Latin. The language of the community is more welcoming.
Why has the church been and continues to be so cruel to women??
How does he rest and relax
What suggestions he may have to encourage my grown children to return to Catholicism.
That there is no hell to go to when we die. If hell exists, it is here in the physical world. The body dies but the soul does not. We are more spiritual than physical. The problems in the world are because most people look outside of themselves for answers when they should look within. I believe that trust in God is more important and any belief or "article of faith." We will be lead in the right direction if we would just listen. There would be so many things to talk to the Pope about.
Ordination of women
What characterizes a true call to the priesthood? Why are married men and all women excluded from this call?
I would like to talk to him about how the Church can be more of a force for positive change in the attitudes concerning the environment worldwide. I would also like to discuss a comparison of the US Church and the French Church.
I would like to thank him for being a slight progressive and doing a good job.
I want him to know how hurtful it was to belong to the church that had abusive priests and that the hierarchy failed to hold those abusive priests accountable for their actions and that not enough was done to help the victims. The pain was unbearable and that almost made Catholics want to deny publicly that we are Catholics.
I would ask the Holy Father about his faith in us. I would ask if he had aspirations to become our Holy Father or simply to have God work through him for the good of all of God's children. Maybe an anecdote or two for levity.
His ideas of reaching the younger community (young adults ) and those individuals who want to belong but because of doctrine can not be a part of the catholic community. Then on lighter note would ask him about music and his favorite songwriter/ musicians.
Many American Indians are waiting for a "True Apology " from Pope Francis to apologize for the conduct, enslavement, torture and Un-God-Like behavior of Kidnapping/Traumatizing of Children!
World affairs, social justice issues, position of women in the church
other religions and how best we can interact with them



In no particular order:

-Since I can't find in the Bible where Jesus spoke about the LBGT+ community, how can the Church preach Love when it is so unloving to them.

-Women priests.

-Contraception.

-The wealth of the worldwide Church and why it continues to have so much while so many go hungry & homeless instead of paying the legal fees of priests who are child predators.

Obviously I expect it to be a long lunch. :)

Our Jesuit mutuality

Would like to more about his life and his job as Pope

restoring women to the ordained diaconate

Women Deacons

Allowing priest to marry and find support in a partner, as well as the LGBTQ+ Community.

Allowing priests to marry as well as ordaining women.

I would thank him for his attempts to move the church forward.

I would love to talk about social justice globally. I would love to see how the church's message, its mission and how it needs to continue to evolve to address a younger audience

Environmental stewardship, evangelizing the culture.

Gee, I don't know.

Humanity of the world and the fairness of various cultures

Acceptance of remarriage after divorce without annulment that is costly to the underserved; acceptance of homosexuality;

I would simply love his blessing.

I stream Mass from home during the week & was sad when music was eliminated from daily Masses. Music is prayer. I miss it so much. It always made me happy hearing the versus of the church. Music is good for the heart. Please return Music to the daily Mass. Thank You. Thank you for your time.

Allowing women to be ordained & serve more fully in the church. Continuing to eliminate the enormous culture of entitlement & moral superiority in the central church authority based in Rome & throughout the world.

The issue of remarriage

Each parish needs to be inviting to the congregation and do things to involve them in the celebration of the eucharist

Reform in the Church

How to be a better pray-er

Why have I spent most of my life troubled by guilt over sexual feelings/behavior/sin over almost anything else?

I have trouble with atonement theology, so I would like to understand more - why would God create a human race that He knows ahead of time would defy Him, especially if that then required the death of His only Son. If God loves us so much, why is there Hell?

However, that would only be part of the conversation. I would like to talk about women in the Church - what happened to Mary Magdalene? Why did she disappear in history. How can women become more fully integrated into the Church

Also, how can we be even better witnesses of Jesus in this world, especially toward the poor?

His vision on how to bring youth back into the church. Look at our congregation. It is mostly older parishioners. The future of the church will need to change in order to sustain itself.
holy spirit
The future of the church and how we welcome traditionally marginalized groups while not watering down the faith.
Why do you think we are so divided within the Catholic Church today?
Women's ordination
Ordain women and allow priests to be married
The History of the Early Church. Gnostic. The Roman Empire's Influence on the Church Why the Church must take a leading role in Reparations for Colonial/Imperial Misdeeds.
I would start by thanking him for his strong advocacy for action to stop Climate Change. However, I believe the child sex abuse scandal can be traced to the rule that priest can only be celibate men. I believe the health and long term survival of the church depends on allowing priests to marry and women to become priests. These are man-made rules and they can be changed. The current situation creates too much temptation and attacks some people to the priesthood for the wrong reasons.
I would like to discuss with the Holy Father the ability for women to take leadership roles at the parish level, the concept of enabling clergy to be married as a concept to increase the clergy pool as well as further discourage males from joining the clergy as an opportunity to access adolescent males for sexual deviancy. I would also like to discuss ideas for realistic, supportable solutions to world hunger and homelessness.
Social justice issues. I would love to hear him speak about service to those in need
The Church's position on women in leadership, how we can accept married priests, and the church's stance on gay and lesbian adults.
I would talk the Pope about the ordination of women.
The integration of women as spiritual leaders of the church including the ordination of women as priests.
Many things. Allowing priests and nuns to marry. Full inclusion for gays. Confession.

I will always be a seeker because of leaving the church upon an extremely emotional bad encounter in the confessional shortly after I made my holy communion where the priest abused me, as a young child in mid-1960's verbally, emotionally and spiritually due to 3 months since my last confession! Being at an impressionable age this was extremely traumatizing for me and I never returned to the church until almost 50 years later as a result of my beloved Mom's passing. As a result of this horrible experience I have struggled with if the Holy Trinity does truly loves me even though I have confessed being away for so many decades. I struggle between my heart (don't feel the Lord's love) and mind (knowledge of forgiveness). So I am sitting on the fence with my faith, but my lost soul is seeking. So I would ask the Pope, "What path must I take or what must I do in order to have the deep faith you have been blessed with in becoming a Pope? Also, "Will I actually be reunited with my beloved parents upon my own passing?" I would like to believe with my heart and soul there is life after death.

Why he doesn't visit the United States enough? How does he keep his priests accountable? What is his plan for the youth of the world to keep the future of the church thriving?

Allowing priests to marry and women to be a part of the leadership of our church

Children are our future- protecting them, nourishing them, accepting and welcoming them, connecting with them. this is the key to strong community which then makes for a better society. Some parishes and other churches are getting it right. How we make sure they all are?

Women priest, birth control, divorce Catholics,

Putin's war with Ukraine

If i had the chance to have lunch with the pope I would like to talk to him about youth religious outreach. I think many young people are interested but they are intimidated by the way things are at church. Sometimes intimidating and with a large population of older people.

More clarity in his speeches

The suffering of humanity.

The churches stance that women cannot be ordained. I would like him to explain why the physical body of Jesus, especially his penis, became the most important in defining characteristic in terms of his essence. I have met so many women that actually are priestly in their every day lives that have been denied their role in our church. One became an Episcopalian priest and it is our great loss.

How he feels about the poor, especially poor women in South America.

I would thank him for the wonderful perspectives he gives and am pleased with the way he wants the church to support the downtrodden and to grow/ change while still keeping the Catholic Faith.

The role of women in the Catholic Church and the lack of acceptance of LGTBQIA people in the Catholic Church.
God's acceptance of all people, LGBTQI, divorced, one's that feel they don't belong to the church because of abortion, sin, family troubles. Bringing Gods love for the outsiders and the dinners back into the church the way Jesus did.
The need to accept all people as equals and what that means for the ordination of women and the acceptance of LGBTQ people
For topics- just what is going on in the world today and how to best meet the needs of the moment when those needs are almost overwhelmingly great. When called to action, which action do you choose? But also I think it would be great to participate in reading and really critically engaging with some Biblical passages. Just would love to hear his thoughts on some hard to grapple with gospel.
I would like to discuss changing the church with the times and how to get more people believe in Catholicism
Where he sees the Church going, how he sees where vatican ii can still be implemented. Pray with him. and talk about prayer.
I would ask him why the Bishops have not implemented many aspects of Vatican II?
All of the amazing work and open minded conversations that have taken place at Holy Family... the changes related to the church over time and how we can embrace this to improve the future of the church to be more accepting/tolerant.
His life; the world's mental health crises; the future of the church
The Eucharist.
Moving the church away from the one pro-life issue (abortion) that has polarized the entire country and looking at a more integrated stance on pro-life (preferential option for the poor, racial justice, gender equality)
The Catholic Church needs to welcome the LGBTQT community and not preach that they are sinners. The Catholic Church needs to attract young people and keep them involved in the church
How women can take a greater role in the church
How do we know if we are wrong in our interpretation of God's word and are we bad if we can't fully accept all teachings, how to explain how God can be all powerful and love us when there is such terrible suffering (free will and evil explains some but how to explain away that God created Satan and allows evil), some of the topics that I checked/didn't check but have doubts about but I'm also afraid to discuss them because then if I can't reconcile my beliefs I don't want to be bad or lose my religion
I would not have lunch with Pope Francis

Homelessness, why bad things happen to good people and why do we need to go to church when we can pray on our own
Current events
I would ask him about how to nourish myself and my kids in the faith.
Doctrines about LGBTQ+ people and ordination of women. I also would want to talk with him about having laity have a more active role in the church and not letting members of the Church leadership in the US support autocratic leaders who are not Christian in their life or values
Will I go to heaven?
The role of women and the laity versus what I view as the ongoing scandals of the US Catholic bishops
LGBTQ acceptance
the role of women in the church
Women should be allowed to be priests. No kissing of the hands. Some Cardinals/Bishops act too arrogant/superior (not what Jesus taught).
Thank him for being a symbol of love, tolerance, and acceptance instead of fire and brimstone. I am back now, but I drifted away from the Catholic Church for a while b/c the focus was on sin and guilt —and I felt worse after going to church, instead of feeling uplifted and hopeful like I do after mass at Holy Family.
I would focus on the importance of not judging others and of respecting the decisions that others make. I would also emphasize the importance of the separation of church and state and the potential problems associated with encouraging "one issue politics." This includes supporting people in public life who support the "Right to Life" movement and at the same time oppose the funding of needed services for all and supporting the death penalty.
About expanding the role of women in the church
Women's ordination. Cleaning house of hypocrites and males who think they are superior to women.
What country has the best football team?
What brought him to such a deep level of faith? Does he ever doubt his role or his religion? Are there personal beliefs of his own that are contrary to church doctrine?
How to incorporate the gospel into our ordinary lives
The love of God for everyone and Forgiveness.

I would address the issue of taking the word "men" out of the Creed. We can just say "us" and it works to include all peoples - male, female, transgender. The Church needs to grow with the times and not still divide men and women. Women have just as much stake in the Catholic faith as men if not more since they are many times the ones who will lead the children into the faith. I like the Holy family since their motto is "All Are Welcome" and I do believe - all our welcome there. This is what it is to be a part of humanity. We must be loving, compassionate, and kind to all members of humanity regardless of their lifestyle or opinions. Everyone is fighting their own battle against the devil every day. We, as the family of God, should help to make those struggles a little easier each day rather than contributing to the struggle.

Why the Catholic Church will not take a harder stance on those who protected sexually abusing priests? Why the Catholic Church cannot accept Gay people? Why not let married men be priests?

Kinship and forgiveness

Birth control and gay rights

Increasing women's roles in the church. Priest- as there were when the church first started.

The black Catholic experience within the Catholic church

How does he handle the inflexibility of the church hierarchy. When will women be allowed to be priests and deacons.

The roots of the divisions in the Catholic Church and recommendations for reaching out to people who are disenfranchised or angry with the church.

How do I raise my son in a religion that I have such misgivings about. While I try to follow the Church's doctrine, so much is out of step with some of my core beliefs and it's hard to support an organization that covered up the sexual abuse of children.

Please stop focusing on climate change. I believe Pope should concern himself with saving people's souls

I would like to speak with him about modernization of the Catholic Church

What I would need to do to become a better Catholic.

Why is the possibility of the church allowing the Priest to marry if they want?

Whether to continue dialogue with or cut relationships with people whose political stance is very different from yours and this affects how they treat immigrants/people different from them.

Changing Church position on birth control. It's detrimental to the poor and leads to more abortions and unwanted pregnancies.

Role of women in the church

How Jesus loves everyone and how that can be reflected down through the Church

Allowing married priests, Women priests, acceptance of divorce and of LGBTQ
Better serving the marginalized and less power to the hierarchy
Change for youth, making the church more relevant, such as divorce, birth control, abortion, sex abuse by the church, #1 issue is that priests need to marry
With all the health and safety issues we have been dealing with these past two years, I feel we will always have the virus but not as severe, I don't think I'd want to take the Cup any more. I am not alone. We can still share the Cup if we take the consecrated Host and dip into Cup. I miss not having the Cup.
I do not know
His experiences while working in Argentina and his plan for the future of the Church. I follow the Pope and truly support most if not all of his actions.
The distinction between politics and religion
What does he do for fun?
Birth control and gay people
Third world countries and world poverty
The importance of priests including woman and married people. Forgiveness including divorce
I would like to talk about the importance of funding Catholic schools to be a more dynamic place of learning and to give parish workers/school teachers a livable wage. I would also like to talk about the possibility of women ordination/deacons.
More Actively fighting abortion and declaring it during masses Abortion has has a stranglehold on people because of money and power from people who are emboldened thinking abortion is ok to do to get what you want out of life.
I have close members of my family who are in same sex marriages and find it sad that although they were raised as Catholics they are no longer feel welcome in the Catholic Church.
The sex abuse, the patriarchy, the stance on LGBTQ, the sudden rise in nationalism and the staunch catholic conservatism.
I would want to talk about how he uses his Jesuit ideals while serving as the Pope.
Ideas of how to engage young people & adults in the Catholic Church when they feel the religion is too strict. How can the church stay relevant but true to Catholic beliefs?
Increasing women's involvement in the church and allowing priests to be married.
How he thinks about the conservative American Bishops who align to anti-life causes and his responsibility to address.



World peace and the churches role.
The suicide of my grandson
Why there was a cover up during the scandals instead of being transparent. It hurt the church more when they were being hidden or moved around instead of turning them in for their criminal behavior
Love this question. Fund our schools and hospitals-they are our best outreach. Our youth is straying away from the church. The sexual identity "spectrum" virus is attacking them. They have no faith in the church because of the priest predators but mainly because of how the church handled it. The sexuality of the Holy Family is a hard sell, with everyone being celebrant, which I believe- we need to make putting Gods will in our life at the center of our existence- this is hard especially for 20 year olds. Why not offer work -abroad payed missionary programs? Kids are lost and not connected because of Covid. Why not offer them a gap year payedmission? Pick people who can be understood to give homilies, who are engaging. Choose women to give homilies who resonate with young women and who can inspire a service-filled life. Emphasize the importance of the sacraments and spiritual connection. Offer prayer zooms? You are AWESOME, Holy Father, because you do channel Gods love. And thank you for your work on climate change, because that is also a powerful draw to our youth. Love you!!!
I would want to ask him why Catholics do not do more work with the bible and bible study in CCD
I appreciate his open mindedness and would like parishes/priests to have consistency how they share their teachings/preachings. Not all parishes are the same and parishioners leave based on this. Some are more open about current issues.
Discuss on god, peace, and afterlife
Listen to the public to make the Catholic church more instep with today's issues.
Why is the church SO afraid to tell people Gods' Law! Why is the church so wish washy and always trying to be politically correct when dealing with people.
I would ask him about God's role in suffering and how to share God's word without the effect of colonization.
Music and church
Peace
I would question why the church has a harsher stance on abortion and control of women's bodies than priests who abused nuns and children.
Allowing women to become priests
His life, experiences and how improbable it was that he would become Pope

Pope Francis is the ultimate apostle. I need his daily inspiration to be my best self. This is what the church really is and unfortunately fails to deliver. Is this an unrealistic standard for me to have?
How can we build "a poor Church, for the poor"?
The perils of emotivism and the need for an objective source of morality.
Reducing the patriarchal structure of the church.
Please help the faithful understand and practice their faith in a more complete manner: the Catholic schools and Universities need to teach the faith better and not apologize for it
I would like to understand why women cannot be priest in 2022, I understand that women were property in Jesus's time but even as a Jew He had great respect for women and I believe if Jesus were alive today he would allow them to be full disciples. It is very difficult to raise a girl as a catholic and tell her the church does not think she is good enough to be a priest. I also believe there is no biblical reason priests should not be allowed to be married. I believe if these two things were changed you would retain many more young adults and you would have more than enough priests
Bringing the young generation to the church.
Holy spirit
How he hears God.
Is the Church willing to look at its faults? We must recognize that, as humans, we are fallible. Can we change some of the Churches' dogma to accommodate those who wish to participate but are shunned by Church principles that are outdated?
Marriage, family, doctrines of the Catholic Church.
What it means to love God and how to do that in such an unequal world
As a mother, how can I grow and be a more faithful follower to "God the Father", "God the Son", and "God the Holy Spirit". I'd like to talk to him about Jesus Christ and the Blessed Marys suffering in the Passion and how better to unite ourself to HIS cross and suffering. I'd like to talk to him about the great commandment of Love and how best to see Jesus in everyone. I'd like to talk to him about the work the great Saints did on earth to better understand how to love the Holy Trinity more and while on earth work in ways to one day reach heaven.

Larger acceptance for Parish Life Directors, especially women...If a parish is THRIVING, do not change the leadership... if the parish is suffering, PLEASE change the leadership... encourage ALL archdioceses to nurture the YOUTH...especially so in the US southern states! Expand the reach of Ignatian Spirituality to all parishes! Let's discuss the issue of divorce. While the Latin mass may have a occasional place, it does not encourage those who need any encouragement to seriously consider Catholicism if they cannot understand the words being said! OPEN the doors to Women Clergy and for all posts in any given parish. Evaluate the curriculum of seminaries to insure that they support the "feeding of the FLOCK" as well as current Catholic doctrine. While I am opposed to both birth control and abortion, the lesser of the two is birth control in order to prevent abortion which I think is one of the gravest sins of all.

I have no idea right now

Why he supports communism and socialism. Why he allowed churches to be shut down. Why no Latin mass. Why no support for Catholics in China.

The war in Ukraine ~ if we want Justice, work for peace. How to best support the people of Ukraine as we watch the unthinkable unfold.

The need to change the Catholic doctrine radically - women should be ordained, we should embrace divorced priests, priests should not abstain from marital relationships, we must adapt to the changing world to survive. That he is an exceptional leader and I admire his catalyst to ignite change.

How to globally help the poor in the context of "teach a man to fish..."

How God works in his life.

I would talk to him about how important music is for the mass.

The church in my view is moving to more conservative positions that are uncomfortable for me and my family. The Catholic Church is not keeping up current society changes.

How can the church change and still be the church that Jesus showed us. Isn't that like what my mom said about being a cafeteria Catholic ? Isn't that why other churches have started because they wanted divorce and remarriage to be accepted? Women want to be pastors etc. but now I have a trans child and I want him to be loved and accepted and to feel a part of this Catholic Church that has given me so much. Surely God does not consider him evil or part of sin in the world and is condemned as the JWitness believe. Patrick Madrid says that just being good and a good person does not get you into heaven. How do we open the eyes of people to just love and accept?

Promote social life for young people so that they can meet same faith partners for strong Catholic families.

It's time for change.

Explain why we must suffer
How he invisible the church in the future
how to be inclusive and welcoming of all people, regardless of their practicing religion
Changing the priesthood to allow for marriage and women
spirituality vs. organized religion
The role of the church in these changing times. A more proactive understanding of the youth
How do we keep fighting against so much hate in the world
Meditation practices and the Law of Attraction in connection to one's personal spiritual path.
Abortion and the watering down of Catholicism by conflating social justice issues with religion.
Allowing priest to marry!
Men and women are equal and women should be able to be priest. Married men should also be able to serve as priest.
Bringing some modernization to the church and the education approach to our youth.
Updating the Catholic religion - dramatically. Otherwise, it will keep losing people. Look at other religions and hwo they are welcoming all and not putting themselves on a pedestal - church is a community.
Abortion and womans role in the Church
LGBTQ+ acceptance within the church, his hopes & goals to move the church to modern times
First I would let him know how much I admire his humility and deep faith. I would like to discuss how he continues to stay strong and faithful with the horrible attacks from Cardinal Burke and Steve Bannon and Archbishop Gomez (the axis of evil, as they should be called). And where he thinks the Church will be in 25-30 years.
I would talk to him about inclusiveness and tolerance. I would tell him the church needs to be more welcoming and more progressive in addressing today's faith.The church also needs to treat women as equals.
I'd want to talk about the Catholic Church evolving with the time and taking responsibility and action for the atrocities committed against children
How can women become more involved in church leadership
Thank him for welcoming the LGBTQ+ community into the church and for advocating for them. Thank him for his humility and excellent example of a Christian. Tell him I love him
Just how amazing everything that he did to get to be the pope.
If we should separate God from the Church. And if we do, is that wrong?

HOW THE CHURCH CAN BE MORE MODERN IN ITS THINKING. the Bible WAS WRITTEN IN ANCIENT TIMES WITH ANCIENT HUMAN ISSUES, THINKING AND LANGUAGE. MALE DOMINATED OUTLOOK IN WRITINGS AND LAWS FOR LIFE.
Moving the church to a more all-accepting point that would embrace and welcome women, LBGTQIA+ and others into clergy as well as leadership positions. Recognition of an individual's right and control of their own body.
I would talk about his past.
How he understood he was chosen to lead the Catholic Church. How he was called to the priesthood. How he sees the future of the Catholic Church. Why he thinks he has the right to have discourse on the environmental issues. Isn't God in control?
Food
I would talk to him about his stance on why he is taking stances on non-religious subjects like climate change.
I would talk with him about his interpretation of the Bible and how literally he takes it. I might also ask him his opinions on gay marriage. I would also ask how I might carry out Catholic ideals in my everyday life.
His life experiences. And I don't like to pray with him and ask for blessing on my life.
updating the catholic church so it appeals to younger generations, being more inclusive of women
As A 63 year old new Catholic I have many questions. I would not know where to begin. I would enjoy being in his company and enjoying and taking in what he wanted to share with me.
Abortion and salvation through Jesus.
The church's stance on LGBTQ persons, divorced people. Jesus would run a much more inclusive church.
Ordain women
Allow priests to marry
Embrace birth control
LGBTQ members of the Church community and how to embrace them as Catholic Christians.
How can we get American Church leadership to abandon the culture wars and live the Gospel precepts of mercy, grace, encounter and justice and embrace the rich breadth of Catholic intellectual tradition
His experience as a bishop
I would ask him what he prays for each day
World peace and how I could work to end hunger and poverty

His spiritual influences and favorite books
The dictatorial stance of many parish priests
All priests should show some form of repentance for the sexually abused whether they were involved or not.
Offering support to the least powerful people in our societies, especially to change economic structures not just to provide relief. As an aspect of that, I would want to bring up the role of women in the church, and way we talk about LGBTQ+ people
How to lead the world towards peace and acceptance
Better aligning the church with the mission of Jesus Christ
Views on spirituality and how to stay positive with faith
Married ministry
How does he see the church growing over the next year? Would he be willing to offer more opportunities to the laity?
World Peace
I would discuss my relationship with God and how to improve upon it so I learn to place more reliance upon God when fear about life issues and the after life overwhelm me.
When are you going to get rid of the paternal hierarchy?
I would want to ask him about his personal views ( not religion based views ) on abortion in specific situations such as rape, LGBTQ+ community and whether he believes God would ban them from eternal life in heaven, his views on birth control in today's modern/financial world, his personal views on euthanasia when a person is constantly in pain and suffering and has zero quality of life, and his views on what happens to the souls of those who fall victims to suicide. I do not believe in a cruel God. I do not believe in a God who shuns anyone out. We are taught to love others as we love ourselves, others implies all others not just straight, sound minded, fortunate, others. So I would like to know under what jurisdiction the Pope feels that the church can label others with human labels and judgement due to their connection with the topics I listed above; if only God himself is the judge, and God calls us to Love all people.
Why women can't be priests?

I would like to talk about how Catholics need to practice being in the image of God through Jesus's teachings. A compassionate God who understands humans make mistakes and that not everyone is afforded the same privileges. Also Jesus placed on emphasis on women spreading the belief of a forgiving compassionate God and who were as much disciples as the men and would like to discuss this. There are many women we know were around Jesus. In this context, I would like to talk about why women-all women, married or not- cannot be ordained. Why forgiveness of not being able to stay married and choosing divorce is needed. As a women who is divorced because of being in an abusive relationship and having had 3 life saving abortions (I have had 2 ectopic pregnancies and a second trimester miscarriage that required removing the fetus because I was bleeding profusely), I cannot understand the Church's stance on not preserving my life or my dignity.

The need for more love and mercy in the world.

My experience as a Catholic school principal working for the Church.

How we can change the perception of what it means to be Catholic. Unlike most North American Christian faiths we embrace and encourage science and give massively to charitable / health care organizations. Those are two key issues for the youth (SBNR) and provide a major point of difference to other faiths. We need to actively rehabilitate our image. I live in an area dominated by Evangelical and Baptist individuals. I've had people not even understand that Catholics are christians and that's from individuals who consider themselves religious.

Increasing the visibility of Catholic outreach and charitable work.

Punishing the pedophile priests

Allowing women to be ordained

Having pregnant images of Mary

His personal journey

His personal life and spiritual journey.

Inclusion.... for ALL

I would talk to him about a church I used to go to in Portland OR and how it was run and how that model could turn around the decline of the Catholic Church in America. St. Andrews when it was run by Fr. Leinert in the early 2000s. Excellent example of what the Catholic Church could be.

How he's managing to stay sane while dealing with conservative members of the Curia and hierarchy.

His experience of the world and his observations about the common experience humanity.
I would love to learn about his relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary and his thoughts on women in leadership positions.
Why is it so difficult for the Catholic Church to change? Isn't it a glaring hypocrisy that we claim collectively to be the "body of Christ," and yet we limit the role of women despite knowing, from the Gospels, that Jesus had multiple prominent female disciples (e.g. Mary Magdalene, Martha, et al.)? Doesn't the Catholic view on homosexuality, matrimony and Holy Orders combine to send an implicit message to gay Catholic boys that they should deny their sexuality and consider pursuing the priesthood? Doesn't that create an unrealistic expectation? Why do the Mormons do so much better than the Catholics at making their members feel like they are valued and part of a community that cares for them?
Women priests
How is the church welcoming members without restricting / excluding people in our changing society?
Why would our God allow so much evil in this world.
Why would our pope make some questionable decisions.
Priests should be allowed to marry. Also, women should be ordained.
How we empower each person to discover their purpose or calling in life (including myself)... and how to grapple with the answer being something "simple".
How to spread love, kindness, and acceptance within and between religions; the development of his own faith; how he has approached times when he may have had doubts
Women serving in the Catholic church
I'd want to talk about how the absolutism of the church alienates so many (abortion, LGBT).
I would ask him why he doesn't talk more about Jesus. He should not be a globalist, nor should he have pushed the covid vaccine and alienated the unvaccinated.
He needs to stay true to the words of Our Lord and also be more loving.
How God will forgive the sins that I have done and continue to do.
How can we be more actively participate in the betterment of the world, whether it is war, climate change, poor & hunger etc. Many times, it is just lip service.
I would let the conversation unfold organically.



More involvement of women in the church, allowing priests to marry, support birth control
Women taking on a more active role in the Church. Divorce, birth control & LBTGQ acceptance.
I can't imagine such a scenario!
I would ask him to focus more on the people's church and not be involved so much in politics.
Discernment and it's importance in one's beliefs.
Using the power and riches of the Church to end poverty and to being about an equal society
About the riches of the church vs the poverty of the people.
About the atrocities of the world and how and why we have become so inoculated from them and how much they seem to have multiplied in the last years. My occasional hopelessness and despair in life.
His vision and insight—I'd listen. And ask a question about women...
Death
First, that I'm extremely glad that he chose the name Francis, that he immediately approached the clergy to be like Jesus in their way of living, to "smell like the sheep", and that HE models how to be like Jesus. I would encourage him to continue to implement Vatican II, keep the Latin Mass in its place, and continue strong in confronting the clergy who are far-right, very political, and leading their flocks astray.
I would discuss the role of women in the church, ie being deacons, and priests, male clergy having the option to marry, how to engage younger people to join and/or be active in the Church, continue to find ways to engage the people in the pews, and continue to have opportunities, like this Synod, for us lay people to express how we think the Church could be more like Jesus would want it to be.
If I could talk to the Pope, I would like to hear his thoughts on how our faith community is evolving.
How he plans to convince the older cardinals on the Holy See that the church needs to adapt to the 21st century and not live in the past or they will lose members and the young to other denominations?
Talk all about the teachings of Jesus.
How can we move the church to be more accepting of women and LGBTQ members
Having more vibrant programs and instruction for youth. They must know scripture to defend their faith!
Visiting Italy-Updating the church with women priests-Keeping good parish directors and renewing their contracts. The one at Holy Family should not have been let go. We lost a great one at Holy Family.
Priests being allowed to marry
Recognizing the laity in a collaborative role in the church, including ordaining women and married men.
Women's role in the Church
How to change the patriarchal and reactionary posture of his church

His strength in fighting against old doctrine . How does he see the Church after his death .
I would share with him that I appreciate his addressing the abuse scandal, his saying 'who am I to judge,' and his person-to-person kindness to all people. I would appeal to him to work to include people of all genders, races, ethnicities, etc from the top down in the Church, making it truly a Church of the People. I detest the stance some of the U.S. Bishops took, when they said they would refuse President Biden communion. As Monsignor said in more than one homily, communion is for sinners, not saints.
Getting g parishes back to be the go t l resource gor all life's issues. Parish clergy should be pastors, have other pastoral positions, have management if parish under a lay management team. Really dislike parishes that list Pastir as 'manager' of a parish.
1. Increasing the role of women in the Catholic Church- opening up to allowing women to be ordained. 2. Allowing priests to marry.
How we can be relevant to LGTBQ young people so they don't feel abandoned by the church
How to bridge the culture war, and focus the church on the actual teachings of Christ rather than legalism
In this day in age how does one continue to remain hopeful when there is such disparity in between the haves and have-nots, a lack of compassion, and narcissism?
The Holy Spirit speaks to all. Women must be in church leadership as they are in our sister churches, who also enjoy the Apostolic Succession from Pentecost. Now is the time to hear the Holy Spirit and offer the full diaconate to women. Their homilies will be recognized by half the world that "holds up the sky." We are daughters of our Blessed Mother, Mary. We are the Body of Christ.
I would want to talk to him about how the church more universally, at a parish level, embraces a consistent life ethic.
What I need from the Church to know, love and serve God. What he thinks about the inmate goodness of people and what is Heaven.
The ordination of women
N/A
Why so many people within the church are battling him, when it's clear he is doing the work that Jesus needs him to do! He is the most Christian of all recent popes, and those on the far right wing and clericalism are working against him.
The ordination of women as priests, the reduction of fundamentalist religion, the power of Latin in prayer, the fate of aging Sisters, priests should be able to have a spouse and family.

Women as parish directors and women as priests.
Divorce and remarriage.
Ordain women
How to strengthen faith and practice of faith in my community when it feels as if more do not believe or have lost their faith.
Ordination of women and married people; complete overhaul of teachings on human sexuality; dismantle the clerical culture that divides people; Reconfigure seminary training; Get rid of Humani Vitae and the birth control ban; Stop weaponizing abortion as the only recognizable sign that a person is a disciple of Jesus; implement concrete actions towards social justice; reach out to young people and young families; implement ordained deaconesses and abbesses; Move more women into more positions of responsibility
how does like being pope
Not restricting women to only six sacraments; married priesthood for all not just for those ordained in other denominations and dissatisfied with the polity of those denominations.
Church teachings on IVF / assisted reproductive technology is extremely hurtful to anyone experiencing the disease of infertility. Adoption is a beautiful calling but it is not for everyone.
I would ask him to try harder to bring together the various groups within the Church. At the root, presumably we all want a church that is loving and following God's teachings? He says things that are confusing, divisive and he seems to delight in ambiguity. I don't think leaders should play those sorts of mind games. They should be clear, inclusive, and charitable even to those with whom they disagree. I also think he should care more about our souls than about the environment.
What is in the Vatican book library and archives
The direction of Catholicism in the modern world.
End Celibacy for priest, they are humans and I don't think God meant for them to be forced to love only him. I think it would reduce child molestation, may be more adult sex scandals but those would still be better.
I don't understand this question. None of us parishioners are going to have an audience with the Pope, and if we did I'd probably ask him if he saw Encanto and what he thought of it. Maybe ask him how his abuela made empanadas.

Jesus! And how the clerics of the church are so distant from the gospel. I'm not sure Jesus is welcome at many Catholic parishes. Lay leadership of parishes might be a solution. We also need to get rid of the god-complex instilled into priests and bishops. I'd also love to encourage women to be allowed to be priests, many of Jesus first evangelist were women, and the church has ignored Jesus' example and essentially silenced women and prevented them from significant leadership roles in the church. I would lastly encourage the Pope to eliminate the language from church dogma that degrades the humanity of the LGBTQAI+ community. The church needs to again follow Jesus' teaching and be welcoming and inclusive of the the LGBTQAI+ community.

I'd love to tell him how very happy I am with his efforts to lead the church in more Jesus-like ways. I'd tell home to keep trying to give women more active (powerful) roles in the church so they can eventually have equal leadership with men

How to welcome young adults, especially new and expecting parents into the church community.

I would love to chat with the Pope about those who Our BVM has appeared to or who have received messages/visions from.

How God speaks to him

I would have say that I really don't know.

Hi experiences as a charismatic leader.

Ordination of women

How to communicate in a loving way on hot topic issues surrounding the Church

How do we keep our faith when there is so much sin, violence, agony, poor in the world.

The afterlife

How are we going to have women leaderships in the church. I also would like to discuss about abortion.

How society in general no longer values time unless it is measured by successes. Social media and the fast paced life style is burdening our children with anxiety and stress. the period of Covid was generally terrible yet there were positives as it made people slow down a bit and focus on family. We need to foster our children's catholicism so the can become ambassadors for the church and have a send of meaning in the world.

Why it is so difficult for the Church to keep up with science.

St. Joseph - we both love St. Joseph; more Catholic network support services for the regular lay Catholic such as professional pastoral counseling for family, personal, moral issues that confession doesn't have time for - clergy have these services available for their burnout issues but laity have burnout also. Many services right now are not professional, or low cost which don't provide higher caliber professionals; how about a good network of CATHOLIC referrals for several professions (lawyers, counselors, medical, spiritual directors, chaplains) like Clergy have access to so we can be helped and help our own people - a Village model that could bolster our Faith instead of diluting it. We need better grief counseling also - deeper and longer and more specific pastoral attention dealing with grief in our complicated world. Life and society are not as simple as when I was younger.....

I would want to thank him for his prophetic witness.

...unless he wants to go golf or take part in some other game/activity? I have no idea

I'd say, " my dear Pope Francis, I've requested a Mass be offered in your honor ( 04/03/22, HFP) so that you can continue the work of our beloved Pope John XIII in guiding us in your non- judgmental, pastoral way." If possible, will you try to tune in? God love you!

Education and development of our children to make an impact in the world - prayer but also action for social justice. A change in mindset so people say why not me, I must act.

Latin American Catholicism.

If I were to meet Pope Francis, I would say that he is a very strong presence in my life.

I have followed Pope Francis ever since he was elected 9 years ago, today. I yearn to learn from our Pope about how he continues to grow closer to God in the midst of our trials and in appreciation of the gifts he encounters in our world, today. I would also like to learn how he has learned to listen to God and how, as Catholics, we might deepen our love for God and one another, rooted in prayer. I struggle to understand why the Church does not allow women to be priests when Jesus was so close with His friends (who were women) friends like Mary of Magdala (the person he entrusted with his first appearance after His Resurrection) and Mary and Martha from Bethany (the sisters of Lazarus); not to mention His own Mother, Mary, who was His early example of God incarnate. I long to hear of Pope Francis's insights about the compassion, wisdom, love and feminine energy he has experienced in the Gospels. I yearn to to hear Pope Francis speak on the embodiment of the Word. To read the Word and to Live the Word are quite different takes on how we touch our world. To me, it's more than how we will be judged as a country, (which I sincerely believe we will) it's how I will be in union with Christ knowing what I have witnessed and how I have responded.

How to comfort and provide emotional support to the isolated and "outsiders" in our society: the old without family, the mentally ill, the poor, the caregivers, the single adults never married, no children

How to help him bring the Church into the 21st century. We will not survive without fundamental changes such as acceptance of birth control, women and married priests, and acceptance of our LGBTQ family. LGBTQ are made in the image of God, according to the Church's own teaching.