



Pope Francis named Time Magazine's Person of the Year

Pope Francis has been named Person of the Year by Time magazine.

←Pope Francis has struck a markedly different tone to his predecessors on several issues since his election in March

1. During his nine months in office, the Pope had pulled "**the papacy** out of the palace and into the streets", managing editor Nancy Gibbs said.
2. "Rarely has a new player on the world stage captured so much attention so quickly - young and old, **faithful** and **cynical**," she added.
3. NSA **whistleblower** Edward Snowden was **runner-up**.
- 4.. Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the then **cardinal** and **archbishop** of Buenos Aires, was made Pope last March. He named himself Francis after a 12th Century Italian saint who turned his back on an **aristocratic** lifestyle to work with the poor.
5. Since then, he has **eschewed** some of the more **regal trappings** of high office, **made headlines** by washing the feet of prisoners, and is planning some major reforms to the Church.
6. "In his nine months in office, he has placed himself at the very centre of the central conversations of our time: about wealth and poverty, fairness and justice, **transparency**, modernity, globalisation, the role of women, the nature of marriage, the **temptations** of power," Ms Gibbs wrote.
7. Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said it was "a positive sign" that one of the international media's most **prestigious** recognitions had been given to "a person who **proclaims** to the world spiritual, religious and moral values and speaks out forcefully **in favour of** peace and greater justice".
- 8 "The Holy Father is not looking to become famous or to receive honours," said Mr Lombardi. "But if the choice of Person of Year helps spread the message of **the Gospel** - a message of God's love for everyone - he will certainly be happy about that."
9. This is the third time a Pope has received the recognition from Time magazine. John Paul II was selected in 1994 and John XXIII was chosen in 1962.
10. Besides Mr Snowden, this year's other finalists were US gay rights activist Edith Windsor, US Senator Ted Cruz of Texas and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. 【12/11/2013/BBC】

the papacy:ローマ教皇の職 faithful:忠実な cynical:皮肉的な whistleblower:内部告発者 runner-up:次点 cardinal:枢機卿
 archbishop:大司教 aristocratic:貴族的な eschew:控える regal:王の、堂々として立派な、豪華な trappings:うわべの装飾 make
 a headline:大ニュースになる transparency:透明性 temptation:誘惑 prestigious:名声のある、一流の proclaim:公式に宣言する
 in favour of:~に有利になる、~を好んで the Gospel:福音書

★Ice breaker for active discussion★

1. What do you know about "Pope"? How is he selected?
2. What do you think about the result of the selection for the Person of the Year by Time Magazine?
3. Do you know any other candidates for the selection and what have they done to deserve to be on the list?
4. How is Pope Francis different from the previous popes? Do you remember any specific episode or incidents done by or involving Pope Francis?
Please elaborate your answer.
5. What are some major reforms that the church is facing today?
6. If you were to choose the Person of the Year, who would it be?
7. Make sentences using the following words : cynical, whistleblower, runner-up, aristocratic, eschew, prestigious, transparency, temptation, modernity and trappings.

12 億人の信者と巨大な富と重い歴史を担うバチカンですが、性的虐待スキャンダル、マナーロンダリングと腐敗、司祭の高齢化など数々の問題を抱えています。そんな中、昨年 3 月に法王に選出されたブエノスアイレス出身のフランシスコ法王は、宮殿ではなく他の司祭たちと一緒に宿舎に住み、パンツを古いフォードに変え、従来の赤い靴や赤い法衣、金の十字架ではなく黒い靴をはき白い衣に鉄の十字架を下げるなど、特権や虚飾を嫌う事で知られています。人工妊娠中絶や同性愛といったバチカンがタブー視してきた問題にも関心を向け、CNN のアンケートでは「極端なリベラルでも極端な保守でもなく現代社会に沿っている」と80%以上の回答者が高い評価をしました。ちなみに今回のタイム誌の最終選考リストの中には、アメリカ国家安全保障局の秘密を暴露したエドワード・スノーデン氏、同性愛者の権利擁護活動家のエディス・ウィンザー氏、テッド・クルーズ上院議員、シリアのアサド大統領らがいました。