



Words of *Wisdom*



Pope Francis during the general audience at St. Damaso Courtyard at the Vatican on May 12, 2021. (Daniel Ibáñez)

“Parents, can you ‘waste time’ with your children? It is one of the most important things you can do each day.”

@Pontifex, Oct. 27, 2015

“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”

– *Evangelii Gaudium*, 49

“Those who love do not stand idly by, but serve others. Those who love hasten to serve, hasten to dedicate themselves to the service of others.”

– Address, 2023

“God never tires of forgiving us.”

– First Angelus after becoming pope, March 2013

“Our defence of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred.”

– *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 2018

“God sees how good you are. He alone knows what he has sown in your hearts.”

– Angelus, 2023



Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica during the Convocation of the Year of Mercy on April 11, 2015. (L'Osservatore Romano)

“The priest who seldom goes out of himself ... misses out on the best of our people, on what can stir the depths of his priestly heart. ... This is precisely the reason why some priests grow dissatisfied, lose heart and become in a sense collectors of antiquities or novelties — instead of being shepherds living with ‘the smell of the sheep.’ This is what I am asking you — be shepherds with the smell of sheep.”

– Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013

“A ‘couch potato’ evangelization doesn't exist, get up and go! Be always on the move. Go to the place where you must speak the Word.”

– Homily, April 18, 2018