

Activity for Celebrating Pope Francis' USA Visit – September 2015

A. Invite people to view one of the papal events together. B. Use one of these two exercises to help people share after the viewing.

EXERCISE ONE

Ask people to introduce themselves to one another and collect the initials of someone who can say 'yes' to each item below. Then after ten minutes, invite people to share one thing they like about Pope Francis with the last person they found.

Can name three popes	Knows what country Pope Francis is from	Owens a Bible
Made a promise to God at some time	Goes to Mass once a week	Was named after a saint
Has watched Pope Francis on media or TV	Can name the first pope	Ever thought about being a priest or religious
Knows their pastor's first name	Has volunteered at a soup kitchen	Has reached out to a homeless person

Debrief

In the large group ask people to raise their hands for the categories. How many have...?

Ask people to share what they like about Pope Francis. Ask them to share, with one other person, how they may have come closer to God or to the Church through this pope. Then conclude the sharing with a hymn and refreshments.

OPTIONAL: Give prizes for different responses and for people with the most initials, with the least.

EXERCISE TWO

Use one of the following links as a handout (or another collection from google) to help people choose a favorite Pope Francis' quote. Invite people to share what they like about the quote and about the Pope in small groups. Conclude the sharing time with a hymn and refreshments.

<https://www.catholicvote.org/top-10-rio-quotes-what-francis-said-and-why/>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/7034628.Pope_Francis