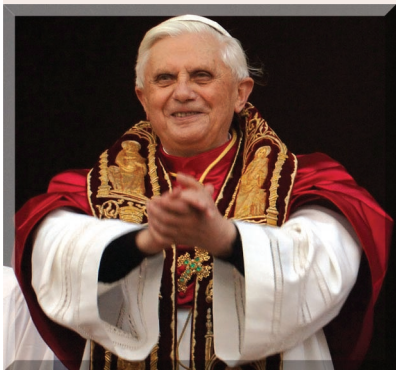


**Wednesday, April 19**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected the 265th Pope, taking the name **Benedict XVI**

**1839:** The Kingdom of Belgium was formally recognised by all the states of Europe

**1906:** Nobel Prize-winning French scientist **Pierre Curie** was run over in a Paris street and killed instantly

**1995:** A car bomb tore apart a federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people including 19 children

**1998:** China released **Wang Dan**, one of the pro-democracy leaders imprisoned after the Tiananmen Square massacre