

Pope Francis I

The first Latin American and the first Jesuit to become pontiff



■ **Dec 17, 1936: *Jorge Mario Bergoglio*** born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, one of five children of Italian railway worker

■ **1958:** Loses lung following respiratory illness

■ **Education:** Degrees in chemistry and philosophy

■ **Religious career:** Ordained Jesuit priest in 1969. Teaches literature, psychology and theology

■ **1973-79:** Serves as superior – leader – of local Jesuit community

■ **1992:** Appointed auxiliary bishop of diocese of Buenos Aires

■ **1998:** Archbishop of Buenos Aires. Personal style is simplicity – antithesis of Vatican splendour

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■ **2001:** Created cardinal by ***Pope John Paul II***. Seen as champion of social justice. Legacy as a cardinal includes efforts to repair reputation of church after it failed to challenge openly Argentina's dirty war of 1970s.

Known to view condoms as permissible barrier to infection. Has criticised priests who refuse to baptise babies born to single mothers

■ **2005:** Believed to have been runner-up at conclave that elected ***Pope Benedict XVI***

■ **Mar 19, 2013:** Inauguration of first non-European pope in more than 1,200 years will take place on Feast of St Joseph

