

# Pope visits Cuba and United States

Pope Francis visits Cuba en route to the U.S., highlighting his role as a peace-broker between the two countries since the start of his pontificate



**1 Sep 20, Havana:** *Pope Francis* celebrates Mass in Revolution Square. Meets President **Raul Castro**

**2 Sep 21, Holguin:** Blesses Cuba's fourth-largest city from panoramic Cross Hill

**3 Sep 22, Santiago de Cuba:** Celebrates Mass at Cuba's most sacred shrine, Our Lady of Charity at El Cobre, outside Santiago. Meets families in Santiago's Cathedral



## UNITED STATES

**4 Sep 23-24, Washington:** Meets *President Obama* at White House. Canonises Spanish missionary of 18th-century California, **Junipero Serra**. **First Pope to address joint session of Congress**



**5 Sep 24-25, New York:** Prayers at St. Patrick's Cathedral. **Addresses UN General Assembly.** Takes part in interfaith ceremony at Ground Zero. **Mass at Madison Square Garden**



**6 Sep 26-27, Philadelphia:** Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul. **Mass at Benjamin Franklin Parkway concludes World Meeting of Families – over 1.5 million people expected**