

A photograph of Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill. Pope Francis is on the left, wearing a white zucchetto and a white cassock. Patriarch Kirill is on the right, wearing a white phelonion with a gold cross on top and a black cassock. They are both looking down and appear to be in conversation. The background is dark and out of focus.

## Today in History

*February 13, 2016*

▲ **Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill held a historic meeting in Cuba, the first between their two churches since the schism of 1054**

**1917:** Dutch-born exotic dancer Mata Hari was arrested as a German spy

**1941:** Penicillin, discovered in 1928 by Alexander Fleming, was first used on a human patient

**1974:** Author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was stripped of Soviet citizenship after *The Gulag Archipelago* was published

**2008:** Australia's parliament issued a formal apology to the Aboriginal "Stolen Generation", forcibly taken from their families as children