

Pope Francis visits Thailand and Japan

Pope Francis is expected to use his fourth visit to Asia to speak out against poverty and human trafficking in Thailand and reiterate his opposition to nuclear weapons in Japan

■ **Nov 20:** Arrives in Bangkok. Pope's cousin Sister **Ana Rosa**, based here for 50 years, will act as interpreter

■ **Nov 21:** Meetings with Prime Minister **Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha**, **Supreme Buddhist Patriarch**, and **King Maha Vajiralongkorn**.

Visits St. Louis Children's Hospital and holds Mass in National Stadium

■ **Nov 22:** Meets Christian and other religious leaders. Prays at shrine of **Blessed Nicolas Bunkerd Kitbamrung**, Thailand's first martyred priest. Holds Mass at Cathedral of Assumption

Bangkok, THAILAND

400km
250 miles



Nagasaki
Hiroshima

JAPAN
Tokyo

■ **Nov 23:**
Arrives in Tokyo

■ **Nov 24:** Meets survivors of atomic bombings in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, and appeals for global nuclear disarmament. Prays at memorial of 26 Nagasaki Martyrs crucified in 1597 – start of 200 years of anti-Christian persecution

■ **Nov 25:** Meets in Tokyo with victims of **Triple Disaster** of 2011 – earthquake, tsunami and meltdown at nuclear plant. Visits **Emperor Naruhito** at Imperial Palace, holds Mass at Tokyo Dome, and meets **Shinzo Abe**

■ **Nov 26:** Celebrates Mass with fellow Jesuits and visits Sophia University before returning to Rome