

# ***Follow Pope Francis: Be Jesus !***

***Today's world stands in great need of witnesses, not so much of teachers but rather of witnesses. It's not so much about speaking, but rather speaking with our whole lives. (5/18/13)***

- **Be who you are!** *I am a sinner!* I am flawed. I am gifted. I am called to lead.
- **Do not be afraid!** *We are frail and we know it, but he is stronger!* (5/18/13)
- **The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius – The Cross!**
- **Washing feet: authentic power in service:** *I must be at your service* (4/28/13)...**Accompany not condemn, include not exclude, listen, take a first step!**
- **Go to the frontiers/the margins/the peripheries** – immerse yourself in the world's joys and sufferings. *Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey?* (7/27/13)
- **Kneeling alone: withdraw to find perspective!** *Joy is a gift from God. It fills us from within.* (5/10/13)
- **Live in the present and reverence tradition:** *Fidelity is always a change, a blossoming, a growth.* (11/07)
- **Create the future: lead through change:** *What happens if we step outside ourselves? The same as can happen to anyone who comes out of the house and onto the street: an accident. But I tell you, I prefer a Church that has had a few accidents to a Church that has fallen sick from being closed.* (5/18/13)
  
- **Freedom from and freedom for**
- **Free for good decisions**
- **Consult others**
- **Consult your heart**
- **Then act!**
- **His vision: a poor Church for the poor!**
- **People before money**
- **Put the mission ahead of self-interest**
- **Run toward the future**
- **Biased toward action/tolerate failures**
- **Transcendence**

## ***Characteristics:***

- **Mercy**
- **Joy**
- **Humility**
- **Love**

Cf. [Pope Francis](#), Chris Lowney



**Personally, I have found it very spiritually enriching to follow Pope Francis' daily homilies on *news.va* and on Twitter at *twitter@pontifex* .**