



Titles of the Pope – activity to introduce the theme

Print out the titles of the Pope (on the following page) and cut them out
Print out a selection of images making sure there are more images than titles (12-15 would be ideal depending on the size of your group). To do this you can simply 'Google' a word then click 'images'. When you find an image you like click on it, then when the page comes up at the top of the page by a small picture of the image are the words 'click here to enlarge'. If you click there the image will appear full size and you can copy and paste this image to print. (If you try to print from the image on the Google page it will not print well)

We would suggest you include a good choice of pictures so the young people can choose something that appeals to them. You might include a photo of the Pope kneeling in prayer, blessing children, with someone famous, with Bishops, a photo to represent Rome, an Italian flag and/or a pizza to represent Italy, a map of the world and many faces, a set of keys, picture of St Peter, a shepherd's crook or Crozier, a Bible, The Vatican plus anything else you can think of that may illustrate one or more title.

Spread the images around the room or across a large table in the centre
Tell the group they are going to decide which title goes with which image
The activity can be done in two's or three's.

Give each group a title and ask them to choose the image that they think matches it

When all the titles have been used, ask each group why they chose a particular image to match the title they had been given

Try not to judge or criticise their choice – if you feel they have completely the wrong idea say something like 'that's an interesting view of that'

When everyone has had their turn ask the group if anyone would like to make any changes

If they do, ask them why

At this point you could also join in and add anything you feel they should know that has not been covered.



TITLES:

His Holiness the Pope

Bishop of Rome and Vicar Of Jesus Christ

Successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles

Supreme Pontiff of The Universal Church

Patriarch of The West

Servant of the Servants of God

Primate of Italy

Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province

Sovereign of Vatican City State