

## STM Parish Library Book/Media Review

<b>Title:</b> Pope Francis	<b>Author:</b> Matthew Bunson
<b>Media type:</b> (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Book <input type="checkbox"/> CD/Audio book <input type="checkbox"/> DVD	<b>Call Number:</b> 922 Francis
<b>Review submitted by:</b> Tacy Slade	<b>Date:</b> 11/7/13
<b>Subject</b> (e.g. Prayer, Family Life, Sacraments, Saints, Bible Study, Moral Conduct, Social Justice) Recent church history, the Papacy, election of Pope Francis	
<p><b>1. What is this book about?</b> (describe briefly)</p> <p>It begins with Pope Benedict's resignation, his final days and public addresses as Pope, through the gathering of the Cardinals, issues facing the Church and what the Cardinals would be looking for in the new Pope, concluding with the election of Pope Francis and insight into the man, and the future direction of the Church.</p>	
<p><b>2. What main message does the author convey?</b> (share a favorite quote/chapter title)</p> <p>Whether intended by the author or not, I came away with the reaffirmation that the Cardinals are moved by the Holy Spirit in the election process. I also gained a greater understanding of the needs of the global church. When asked by the media what the Cardinals would be looking for, Cardinal Timothy Dolan answered, "You look for a man who reminds you of Jesus." The book provides a good overview of then Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio's life and times as Archbishop of Buenos Aires and early days as Pope Francis. Two favorite quotes are "We never lose if we imitate Jesus, if we serve our suffering brothers," and "Jesus is the door," Pope Francis.</p>	
<p><b>3. What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it?</b></p> <p>This book will lift your spirits as to the future of the Church under the guidance of Pope Francis, truly a humble and holy man with a servant's heart.</p>	
<p><b>4. Who would benefit from reading this book?</b></p> <p>Anyone interested in the global Church and what direction the Church will go in the future, the new evangelization, would benefit from reading this book.</p>	
<p><b>5. Any other impressions:</b></p> <p>Much of our interaction with the Church and in fellowship is limited to our parish. This book really opened my eyes to the global church, its issues around the world, where the faith is growing and where it is in decline or under persecution. "Let us not give in to pessimism and let us not be discouraged. We have the certainty that the Holy Spirit gives the Church, with its powerful breath, the courage to persevere and to search for new ways to evangelize, to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth." – Pope Francis</p>	

