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A Pope on the Margins: Pope Francis's Vision for the Church



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In the first years of his pontificate, Pope Francis has defied easy categorization in terms of the divisions that have plagued the Church over the past three decades. The first Pope from the global south, his pontificate marks an important turning point for the Catholic Church in more ways than one. This lecture examines Francis's pontificate by looking at how his experience as a Jesuit and as an Archbishop in Argentina has shaped his vision of the Church as a principal sign and instrument of God's mercy in the world, especially "on the margins."

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