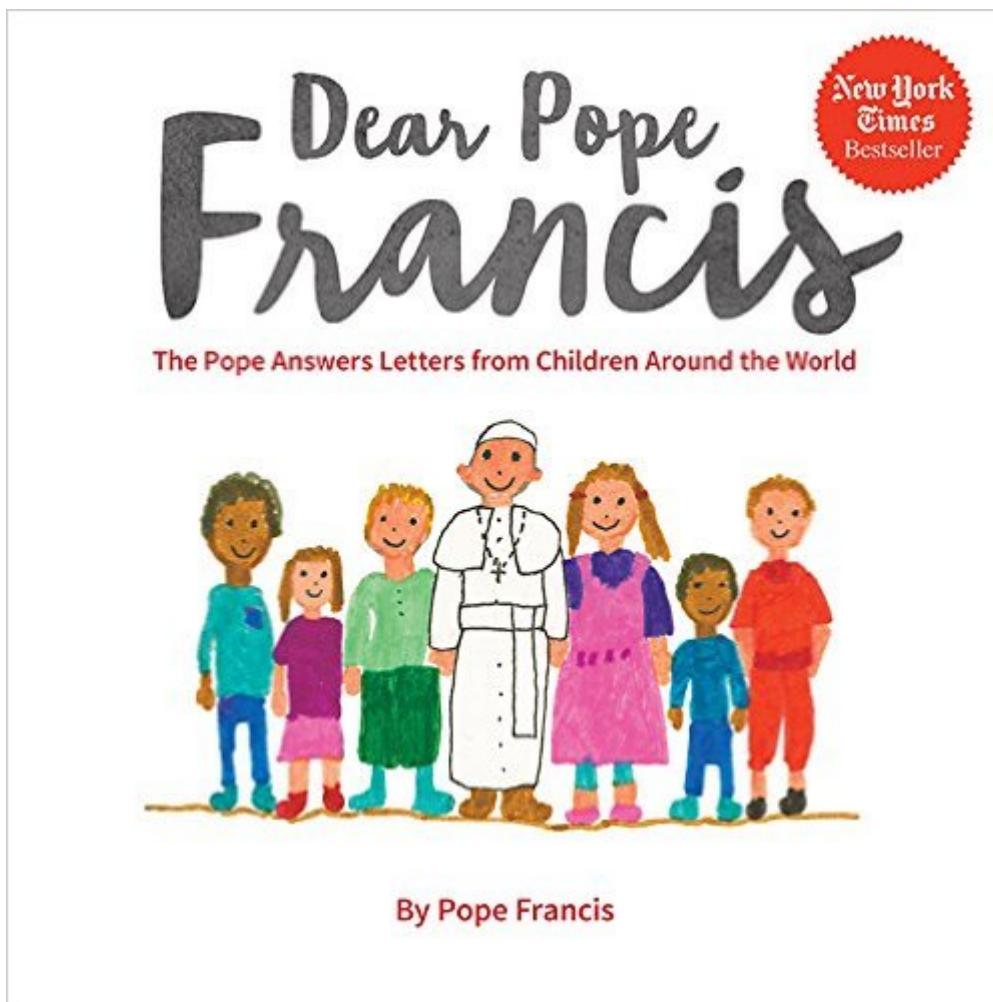


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# Dear Pope Francis: The Pope Answers Letters From Children Around The World



## Synopsis

Now a New York Times Bestseller! If you could ask Pope Francis one question, what would it be? Children have questions and struggles just like adults, but rarely are they given the chance to voice their concerns and ask the big questions resting deep in their hearts. In Dear Pope Francis, Pope Francis gives them that chance and celebrates their spiritual depth by directly answering questions from children around the world. Some are fun. Some are serious. And some will quietly break your heart. But all of them are from children who deserve to know and feel God's unconditional love. Also available in Spanish as Querido Papa Francisco. "Feels akin to sitting in on a series of intimate conversations." -Publishers Weekly "The People's Pope shows that he is a down-to-earth man who understands both religion and children." -Kirkus Reviews

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## Customer Reviews

When I first heard about this book, I wondered how it came to be. "Dear Pope Francis" started when children sent questions to the Pope. The team at Loyola Press gathered these letters and asked Pope Francis if they could share his answers. Fr. Antonio Spadaro met with the Pope and this book shares the story of their meeting as well as the results. Pope Francis was intrigued by the questions along with drawings. He states, "But these are tough questions". The questions these children ask are varied and some are very difficult. The questions are interesting: "What did God do before the

world was made?", "Will my grandpa, a non-Catholic who is not a person willing to do something evil, go to heaven.....?", When you were a child did you like dancing?", "Why do you need that tall hat?" I have to admit that this book left me in tears. The questions are so touching and the answers are so beautiful. The questions are in the children's handwriting and are accompanied by drawings by the children and pictures of the children. I bought this for our parish library. It is a book for children, but I think adults should read it too.

I admit to being a big fan of Pope Francis. I received my copy of Dear Pope Francis this afternoon and sat down and read it. What a wonderful and powerful book this is. The some times profound and sometimes moving and most often simple questions of children from around the world and the loving and caring response given by Pope Francis brought tears to my eyes and moved my heart. It is a book I will share with my 7year old granddaughter but also with anyone who wants to learn ways to deepen their love of God. I can see it being used with children in a classroom - taking one question at a time to read and discuss. I can also see it used by those who give sermons directed at children. If you want some answers to the questions - Why are there not as many miracles anymore? What did God do before the world was made? And one of my favorites Do bad people have a guardian angel too? You will find the answers from Pope Francis in this book. The illustrations were done by the children who asked the question and are beautiful. Great book.

Loved it! It was so genuine. I could feel his words touching these children's hearts. Buying one for our parish children's library.

This is a beautiful book with letters from children all around the world with their questions for Pope Francis about God and Religion. I enjoyed reading this book with my children, it is so clear from Pope Francis' responses how dearly he lives and understands children. I love how easily he relates to them. I feel bad for taking off one star but feel I have to. One of the responses the Pope gives to a letter from a child asking about if non believers still go to heaven, his Holiness brings up suicide. I was not prepared at bedtime reading to have to explain the concept of suicide to my young children and had I known ahead of time would have skipped that page. My hope in writing this review is not to dissuade others from purchasing it for their children, but rather as a warning so you are not unprepared when reading it with your kids.

Not only did I enjoy this book, my children did too. I have found both my sons reading a letter or two

now and again. As someone with a busy household, I appreciate the fact that I can absorb the words of Pope Francis in small bites. The questions asked by children evoke some deep theological thought, but I don't have to devote hours on end to reading in order to appreciate the Pope's responses and reflect on them throughout the day. It is great to be able to see the letter from the child as it was written along with the child's picture. My kids especially enjoyed seeing the letters written in other languages (with translations). It gave them a greater sense of the global nature of the Catholic faith and initiated some conversations about Catholic practices and traditions that are different in other countries. I bought a copy for my father as well and though he's used to reading much heavier theological studies, he is enjoying it as well.

A beautiful, larger book with full-page illustrations, including photos of the children around the world who were chosen to write questions to Pope Francis. The letters they wrote are reproduced beautifully on the pages. The questions they ask are universal among children everywhere. A wonderful book for a child or an adult. I gave it to my mother, age 94, and she loved it!

I enjoyed reading this book and think it is a great gift for First Communion!

The Pope Answers Letters is a wonderful book for children and also adults will enjoy reading about the questions the kids ask. Pope Francis is very good at answering the questions so that a child can understand. Some of the questions the kids asked I wouldn't have thought to ask. Wonderful book.

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