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Pope Francis Gender Egalitarian Accomplishes During Papacy

- March 13, 2013-Pope Francis gives a sermon in which he rejects any notions of female machismo (a brand of sexism in Latino/Latin American Communities), therefore rejecting any patriarchal understanding of women that deems them inferior to men.
- June 29, 2014-Pope Francis responds to a question about misogyny by saying that the question of women has to be explored more deeply than society normally does, otherwise it is impossible to understand the Church itself.
- April 4, 2015-Pope Francis goes to Rebibbia prison in Rome to wash the feet of men, women, and transgender people alike.
- April 29, 2015-Pope Francis calls for equal pay for women around the world.
- May 6, 2015-Pope Francis orders priests to pray that God will forgive former abortion doctors and women who had gotten abortions.
- September 28, 2015-Pope Francis emphasizes his anti-sexist views on the Church by referring to the Church itself as the “bride of Jesus Christ.”
- January 21, 2016-Pope Francis declares that the Holy Thursday foot-washing ritual must include people of every gender.

Idea for Creative Piece

My idea for a creative piece to add to the museum is to create a timeline of Pope Francis' accomplishments, complete with photographs and pictures to show the events as they

happened. Each event will also have a brief description of how he is promoting gender equality and respect for all genders. I'll also add more events than I have posted above.

Praise to the Pope: Tribute to Pope Francis

Praise, one and all, to Francesco the Pope!
A fighter for freedom and a symbol of hope!
With the brain of a priest and a heart made of gold,
He has helped us to conquer the troubles of old.
Unlike former pontiffs, dogmatic and cruel,
Dear Francis is humble, progressive, and cool.
He accepts that all people are made by the Lord,
Man, woman, and child, from the plain to the fjord.

His number one goal is the pursuit of world peace.
An end to all war and untimely decease.
A world where all people can join hand in hand,
And march into the gates of the new promised land.
But in order to do that, although it sounds strange,
The world has to go through significant change.
When the people of all of the nations unite,
Then there will be no reason to murder or fight.

Francis believes that we must show respect,
To the people the Church would brazenly neglect.
Some of these people, or so I'm told,
Are the women, insulted and left in the cold.
For speaking against the so-called, "status quo,"
Many people have wished upon these women woe.
But Francis knows women are equal to men,
And rejects these "traditions" of girls in the pen.
He has stated that sexism is equal to sin,
For oppressing anyone is transgressing your kin.
And to demonstrate his progressive, feminist views,
He has done things of note that were put on the news.

One day, when in Rome, as a service to his people,
Francis came to a prison on top of a steeple.

And he washed off the feet of the prisoners there,
Be they woman or man, none were left *sans lavare*.
He also encouraged his people to say,
That women and men should get equal pay.
For when working for wages, their households to handle,
Unequal payment is purely a scandal.
Later on, he denounced the outrageous belief,
Of women working not at the Church, but the heath,
By saying that the Church must remain unbiased,
For the Church itself is the "Bride of Jesus Christ."

For all of these speeches, and embracing us all,
And desiring listeners to the Lord God's call,
I thank thee, Pope Francis, and wish to thee, praise,
Good health and good wealth till the end of your days.

Pope Francis: A Pope for All People

Ever since his inauguration as pontiff of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis has been making speeches and sermons dedicated to the cause of peace, harmony, and love. He has frequently reminded the people of the world that everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, sexuality, religion, or whatever the case may be, belongs in the category of "people of God." In order to demonstrate his belief in a unity of the people of earth, his sermons have usually carried a vibe of progressiveness and compassion, allowing him to fight for many major political and socio-economic issues, such as LGBT rights, racial equality, and gender equality. It should come as no surprise that he openly voices his egalitarian opinion of women's rights around the world. In one of his sermons, he is seen demanding calling for labor wages between men and women, referring to the wage inequality as a "pure scandal." According to the Pope, it is the sacred duty of Christians all over the world not only to demand gender equality, but to fight against sexism and help to make sure women are treated the same way as men in the Church. For example, he says that many believe that all of the major changes, both good and

bad, occurring in these last few decades all potentially stem from when women were first granted their social and political rights. He denounces these claims, of course, calling them an insult to woman and “a form of chauvinism that always wants to control the woman.” He has also demonstrated a strong rejection of the idea of “machismo,” or the elitist patriarchal structure of society in Spanish-speaking nations. In this way, he desires for the world to be egalitarian when it comes to issues of gender and is against unequal and oppressive social hierarchies.

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