

CONGRATULATIONS, POPE FRANCIS



Bill Donohue comments on Pope Francis being named *Time* magazine's "Person of the Year":

No one deserves this honor more than Pope Francis. It is worth repeating what we said about him just a month after he was chosen as the new pope. The following is the lead paragraph in our April 15 *New York Times* op-ed page ad, titled, "LEAD US, HOLY FATHER":

"As soon as you were introduced as Pope Francis, you impressed us, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, with your humility and ability to connect with common people. Your long-standing outreach to the least among us, beginning with the unborn, is especially welcome. So is your commitment to the poor, and your equally strong rejection of a politicized theology."

Congratulations, Pope Francis.