



CHAIR OF ST. PETER, THE APOSTLE
FEBRUARY 22



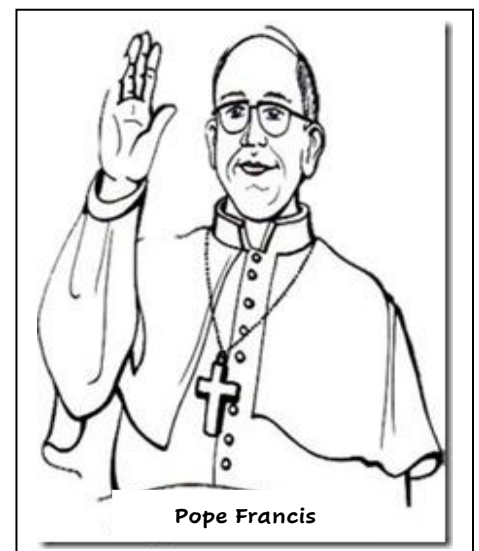
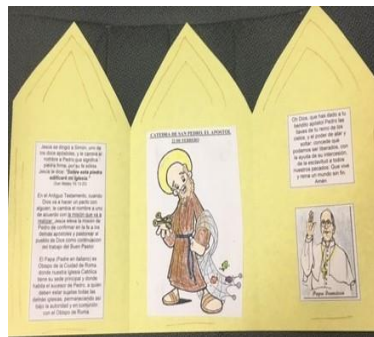
Jesus addressed Simon, one of the twelve apostles, changing his name to Peter which means firm rock, because of his firm faith.

Jesus said: **"On this rock I will build My church."** (Mathew 16:13-20)

In the Old Testament, when God is going to enter into a covenant with someone, He changes their name to one in line with their new mission. Jesus elevates Peter's mission to shepherding God's people, continuing the work of the Good Shepherd, Jesus.

The Pope (Father in Italian) is Peter's successor. He is the Bishop of the City of Rome, where our Catholic Church has its headquarters. All other churches should follow the direction of the Bishop of Rome.

Oh God, who have given your blessed apostle Peter the keys of Your Kingdom of Heaven, and the power to bind and unbind: allow us to be liberated, with the help of his intercession, of the slavery of all our sins. Amen.



Pope Francis



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS THE 7 SACRAMENTS THAT ARE THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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bunch the keys together with a ribbon.

