



# Celebrate the Visit!

The Pope in America 2015



## Pope Francis's Coat of Arms

A coat of arms is a drawing that tells a story about the person or family it represents. This coat of arms is for Pope Francis. After reading about its parts, color the coat of arms as directed.

Pope Francis kept the same coat of arms as when he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires in Argentina, with two important additions—the papal miter and keys:

A **MITER** is a bishop's hat. The pope is the Bishop of Rome. Color the background of the miter **silver**. Color the three lines going across and the line going down the miter **gold**. Color the ribbons falling down from the miter **red**. Color the crosses and the tassels on the ends **gold**.

**KEYS** are a symbol of the authority Jesus gave Peter, our first pope. Every pope inherits that authority. Color the left key **gold** and the right key **silver**. Color the cord **red** that connects the keys at their bottom.

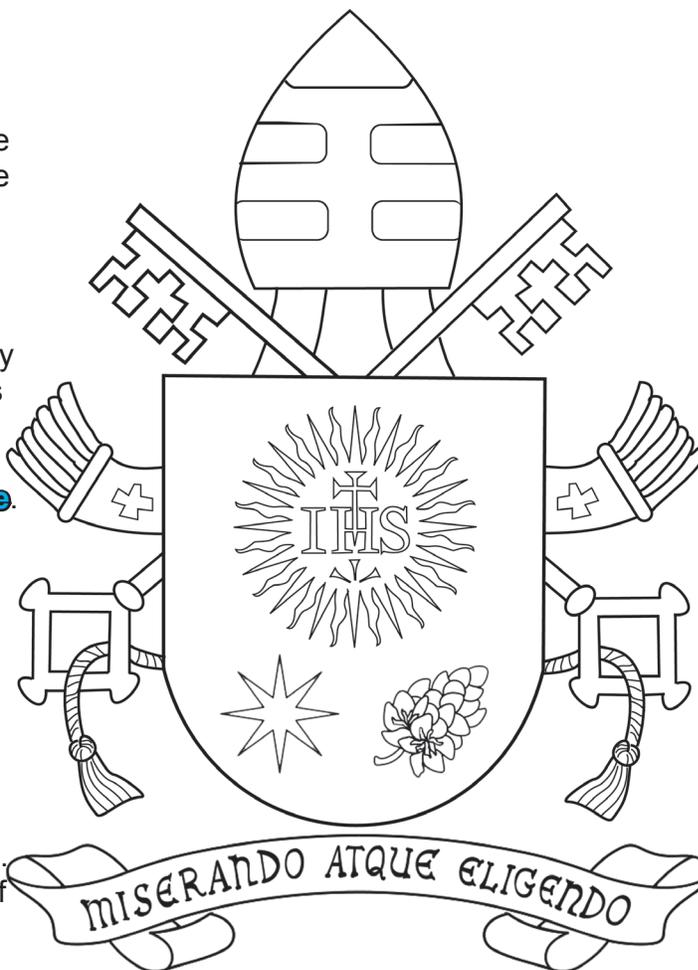
Color the background of the **SHIELD** **bright blue**. The **SHIELD** has three parts:

- The radiant **SUN** at the top of the shield stands for the Society of Jesus or Jesuits. Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Color the sun **gold**. IHS stands for the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek. The cross and the three nails are for Jesus' death on the cross. Color the letters and cross **red** and the nails **black**.

- The **STAR** in the lower left stands for the Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ and the Church. The eight-pointed star is special. It is a symbol of new life. Color the star **gold**.

- The **FLOWER** in the lower right is a spike-nard. (It kind of looks like a pinecone.) It stands for St. Joseph, Jesus' father on earth. Color it **gold**.

- These three symbols show the Pope's love of the Holy Family — Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



The Pope's **MOTTO** *miserando atque eligendo* means *lowly but chosen*. Jesus shows mercy when he asks Matthew to follow him. Showing mercy to all people is very important to Pope Francis.