

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

that refer to the prominence of St. Peter:

Matthew 10:2 / Mark 3:16 / Luke 6:14 / Acts 1:13

Peter is always listed first

Matthew 14:22-33

The walking on the water

Matthew 16:13-20

Peter is called the “rock” of Jesus’ church

Mark 8:27-30

Peter’s confession about Jesus

Luke 5:1-11

The call of Simon the fisherman

John 1:35-42

The call of Peter to follow Jesus

John 13:36-38

Peter’s denial predicted

John 13:1-9

The washing of the feet

John 18:15-18, 25-27

Peter denies Jesus

John 20:1-10

Peter, the first apostle to enter the tomb

John 21:15-19

Peter and Jesus reconciled after the Resurrection

Acts 2:14-41

Peter’s speech on Pentecost

Acts 10:9-43

Peter’s role in the inauguration of the Gentile mission

Acts 12:1-12

The miracle of Peter’s escape from prison



The Popes Through the Ages

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Suggestions and Study Helps

RESOURCES

Websites:

www.daughtersofstpaul.com

www.jp2cc.org

Pamphlet:

When a Pope Dies. Christopher M. Bellitto, Ph.D. Ligouri, 1998.

(Available at the Catholic Book Store)

Topics to Research/Study

Process of Election

Hierarchical Structure of the Church

History of Papal Funerals

Report on his travels/visits to other countries

Biography – (Research that can be done in groups – grade level appropriate)

- Childhood/family
- Priesthood
- Bishop
- Pontificate
 - Travels
 - Writings
 - Highlights/events unique to his papacy
 - Ministry to Youth
 - Solidarity
 - Efforts toward Peace

Creative Writing/Poetry/Drama

- How will the world best remember John Paul II?
- You are a writer for a history text – what will you write about the life and reign of John Paul II?
- Be a news reporter interviewing after his death, develop a set of questions and interview people. Give a report back to the class.
- If you were God, what would you say to Pope John Paul when he arrived in heaven?
- Write a Poem.
- What are some of the things a Pope does? (*Primary level*)
- Enact the story of the Pope's great act of forgiveness.
- If a new Pope is elected and he visited your parish what would you say to him?
- How does the Pope get his name? (*Primary level*)
- What process did Jesus use to call the leader of the Church and what is the process used today?
- What makes a good leader of the Church? How are your family and the Church family alike?
- Define some terms: conclave, Vatican, papacy, the things a Pope wears, etc.
- How did former Popes travel? By what means?
 - If you could plan the Pope's funeral, what songs, scripture and intercessions would you select? How do your selections correspond to the actual Funeral Liturgy that is celebrated for the Pope?
 - Find some scriptural references relating to the first Pope.