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RELIGION

## First visit a mixed blessing

### Arriving in U.S., Pope Francis faces a polarized country

BY NICOLE WINFIELD AND RACHEL ZOLL  
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*I am certain that I have never said anything beyond what is in the social doctrine of the church.*

POPE FRANCIS

WASHINGTON — Pope Francis arrived Tuesday on the first visit of his life to the United States, bringing his humble manner and his “church of the poor” to a rich and powerful nation polarized over economic inequality, immigration and equal justice.

According to a rare honor to the pontiff, President Barack Obama and his wife and daughters met Francis at the bottom of the stairs on the red-carpeted tarmac at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland after the pope's chartered plane touched down from Cuba. Presidents usually make important visitors come to them at the White House.

Emerging from the plane to boisterous cheers from a crowd of hundreds, the smiling 78-year-old pontiff removed his skullcap in the windy weather and made his way down the steps in his white robes.

He was welcomed by a military honor guard, chanting schoolchildren, politicians, and Roman Catholic clerics in black robes and vivid sashes of scarlet and purple. Joe Biden, the nation's first Catholic vice president, and his wife were among those who greeted him.

Eschewing a limousine, the pope climbed

into the back of a small charcoal-gray Fiat and promptly rolled down the windows, enabling the cheering, whooping crowds to see him as his motorcade took him to the Vatican diplomatic mission in Washington, where he will stay while in the nation's capital.

During his six-day, three-city visit to the U.S., the pope will meet with the president today, address Congress on Thursday, speak at the United Nations in New York on Friday and take part in a Vatican-sponsored conference on the family in Philadelphia over the weekend.

The Argentine known as the “slum pope” for ministering to the downtrodden in his native Buenos Aires is expected to urge America to take better care of the environment and the poor and return to its founding ideals of religious liberty and open arms toward immigrants.

During the flight,

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AP PHOTOS/SUSAN WALSH

Pope Francis (left) greets children as he is escorted by President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama after arriving Tuesday at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

### A MODEST RIDE

WASHINGTON — Pope Francis was hard to spot in the motorcade of more than 20 armed SUVs and police cars that motored into the nation's capital late Tuesday. The pontiff ditched the fancy wheels in favor of a much more modest ride: a Fiat.

After he stepped off his plane at Andrews Air Force Base in neighboring Maryland, Francis was driven into town in the back of a tiny, charcoal gray Fiat 500L. The four-door model was sandwiched between two enormous black SUVs in the motorcade. A half-hour or so later,



AP PHOTO/SUSAN WALSH

Pope Francis waves from his car, a Fiat 500, after arriving at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

the Italian-made car could be spotted rounding the corner at the Apostolic Nunciature, the Vatican's

diplomatic mission, where Francis was spending the night.

Francis has made a

point of using particularly modest cars, part of his emphasis on simplicity, conservatism and rejection of today's consumerist lifestyle. He uses a blue Ford Focus to get around the Vatican, and during his visit to South Korea he used a Kia.

Not that the Fiat was some little junker. Erik Nyhuis, sales manager at Safford Fiat in Vienna, Va., the only local dealer, said the 500L retails from \$19,000 to the “high 20s” in the United States. It's the largest model available in the U.S.

— The Associated Press

FESTIVAL

## It's about to get chile

### And don't forget the frijoles, as popular event looms

BY JON POMPIA  
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

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If it's harvest time for Pueblo Chile, it's also time to celebrate it.

The 21st annual Chile & Frijoles Festival, presented by Loaf 'N Jug, kicks off Friday with a three-day promise of fun, shopping, entertainment and the fragrant whiff of Pueblo's most famous homegrown product.

The Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce-created festival will not only feature area farmers promoting their products but a variety of vendors, information booths and attractions.

While Pueblo Chile is the star of the Rusler Produce Farmers Market, a variety of farm-fresh produce will be offered, including various types of peppers and beans.

Music and entertainment has long played an important part in the event, and

*Per tradition, the Chili & Salsa Showdown, sponsored by Black Hills Energy, will allow commercial and non-commercial cooks the chance to test their skills against others.*

this year is no different. Five entertainment stages will host bands and singers in most every genre as well as magicians “Mr. E” and Kyle Groves.

The heart of the festival is Union Avenue, which in years past has hosted well over 100,000 people throughout the weekend.

Festival hours are scheduled from 3 p.m.-midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$3 per person, with children younger than 12 entering free.

Sold exclusively at Pueblo Loaf 'N Jug locations, the \$12 Me+3 Pass allows two days of admission for four people.

Those wishing to dodge any parking hassles are encouraged

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AP PHOTO/CHARLIE NEIBERGALL

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton told voters Tuesday at a campaign stop in Iowa on Tuesday that she opposes the Keystone XL project assailed by environmentalists.

### ELECTION 2016

## No pipeline of defense

### Clinton speaks out against Keystone XL

BY KEN THOMAS AND CATHERINE LUCEY  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES, Iowa — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday she opposes construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, breaking her longstand-

ing silence over a project criticized by environmentalists as a threat to the planet's climate.

The Democratic presidential candidate said she decided to speak out after concluding the ongoing debate

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