

ORGANIZATION NAME: Roman Catholic Church

ORGANIZATION TYPE: Religious

ORGANIZATION FOUNDED DATE:

KNOWN CONTRIBUTORS:

NAME: Pope **NAME:**

NAME: **NAME:**



PRIMARY ADDRESS:

SECONDARY ADDRESS:

Vatican City Italy 00120

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND:

The Catholic Church, also known as the Roman Catholic Church, is the world's largest Christian church. With more than a billion members, over half of all Christians and more than one-sixth of the world's population, the Catholic Church is a communion of the Western, or Latin Rite Church, and 22 autonomous Eastern Catholic Churches, comprising a total of 2,795 dioceses. The Church's highest earthly authority in matters of faith, morality, and governance is the Pope who resides in the Apostolic Palace.

The Church defines its mission as spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, administering the sacraments and exercising charity. It operates social programs and institutions throughout the world, including Catholic schools, universities, hospitals, missions and shelters, as well as Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities that help families, the poor, the elderly and the sick.

The Pope remains an international leader who regularly receives heads of state from around the world. As the head of the Holy See, he occasionally addresses the United Nations on many different worldly, socially and religiously based matters of importance, where the Holy See is the only non-member observer state (with all the rights of full membership except voting).

