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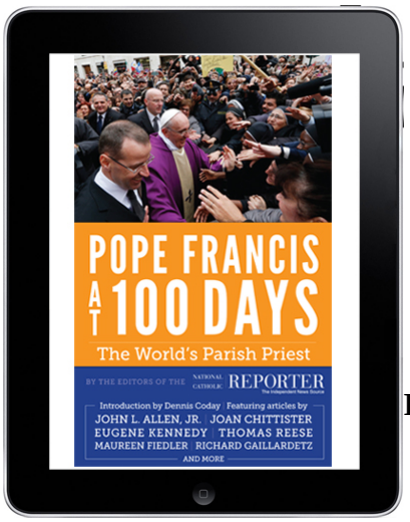

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Since his election, Pope Francis has captivated and energized Catholics around the world. This collection of previously published articles from the *National Catholic Reporter* provides early reactions to his election, analysis of his life in Argentina, insights into his words and actions in the first few months of his papacy, and predictions for the future. Each section begins with a quote from one of Pope Francis' Wednesday audiences.

Contributors include *NCR* staff in Rome for Francis' election -- John L. Allen Jr., Joshua J. McElwee and Thomas Reese -- as well as Eugene Kennedy, Maureen Fiedler, Richard Gaillardetz and many more, with a forward by Joan Chittister.

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Who Francis may be based on who Bergoglio was

By John L. Allen Jr.

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In this 2008 photo, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, second from left, travels on the subway in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (AP/Pablo Leguizamon)

Buenos Aires, Argentina — I spent this week in Argentina in search of insight into Pope Francis from the people who know him best as Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the man who was their archbishop for 15 years.

For sure, the first impression here is deep national pride. Locals say there's probably never been a better-attended Holy Week in the history of Argentine Catholicism than after Francis' election.

A Via Crucis procession in Rosario, the country's third-largest city, usually draws 200,000 people, but this time it attracted 350,000; attendance at the cathedral in Buenos Aires was estimated to be two to three times greater than 2012. All across the country, church-goers reported standing-room-only crowds and long lines for confession.

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