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Pope's quotes: On conversion

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A quote from Pope Francis:

The pope comes in and shakes my hand, and we sit down. The pope smiles and says: "Some of my colleagues who know you told me that you will try to convert me."

It's a joke, I tell him. My friends think it is you want to convert me.

He smiles again and replies: "Proselytism is solemn nonsense, it makes no sense. We need to get to know each other, listen to each other and improve our knowledge of the world around us. Sometimes after a meeting I want to arrange another one because new ideas are born and I discover new needs. This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good. ?

"Each of us has a vision of good and of evil. We have to encourage people to move towards what they think is Good."

- The light we bear in our souls [1],? interview with Pope Francis by Eugenio Scalfari in *La Repubblica* Oct. 1, 2013

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