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## Pro Pope Francis

Worldwide support from the People of the Church for Pope Francis and His Church Course

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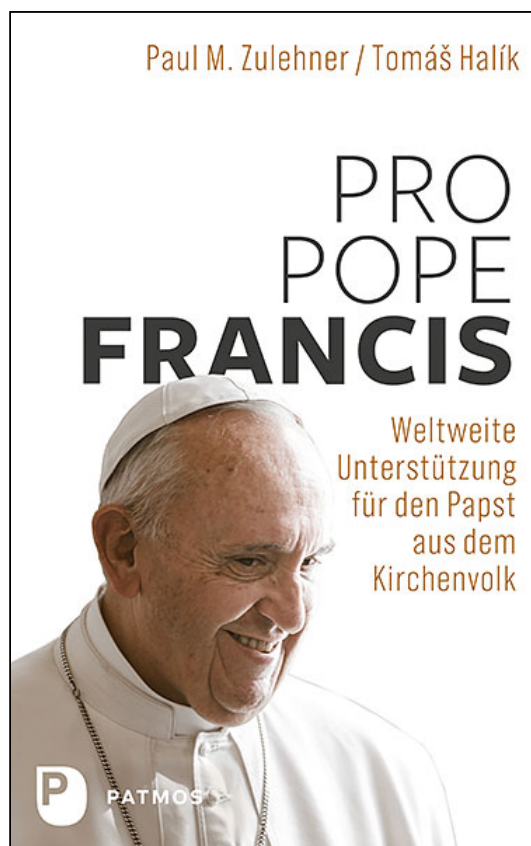
- 75.000 people worldwide in support of Pope Francis
- Pro Pope Francis campaign

He is a breath of fresh air for the Roman Catholic Church: the Bishop of Rome, for which the »Cardinals have gone to the ends of the earth to get one« as he said during his first speech the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. He courageously continues the path of the Council. He reforms the Curia. He sees the action of the Spirit of God not only in Rome but in all continents. For this reason he continuously calls for local Bishops' Conferences. He also listens to those affected, for example remarried people who would like to model their lives according to the Gospel. This pastoral culture has attracted a great deal of criticism. A handful of Cardinals would even like to see clarified if he is a heretic. Tomáš Halík from Prague and Paul M. Zulehner from Vienna have called for support for the Pope and his course. 75.000 people worldwide have signed the open letter. 5.000 people have taken part in an online survey. Theologians from all over the world have written essays to provide professional encouragement. He should continue following his dream of a »church as mother and shepherdess«. The campaign Pro Pope Francis is fully documented in this highly topical book.

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