

# The Conclave



# How do they vote?

On the voting slip, each cardinal writes the name of the person he wishes to vote for, trying to disguise his writing as much as possible.

They place the vote onto a silver plate before then putting it into the chalice on the altar.



# The results

Once everyone has voted, the names are read out.





# How will we know when a Pope has been elected?

After each ballot, the papers are burned and the smoke goes up through a chimney where it can be seen by the people waiting in St Peter's Square. If the vote has been unsuccessful, the papers are burned with a cartridge producing black smoke. If it has been successful, a cartridge is added to make the smoke white.

A bell will be rung when a Pope has been elected.



# How is the Conclave different to other elections?

They ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and understanding, to help them vote for the successor of Saint Peter.



# What happens next?

The new Pope chooses a name and  
puts on special clothes



# The Pope is presented to the world

The new Pope then comes out onto the balcony above St Peter's Square and gives his blessing.



# Let us pray

Lord God,  
hear our prayers

May the Bishops be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
May they choose a worthy shepherd  
to lead us and guide us.

As we remember the end of the war may Peace be in peoples hearts.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Sing Peace Perfect Peace