

# Supporting the Pope on his Anniversary

April 19th marks the fifth anniversary of Benedict XVI's election as the successor of Saint Peter. Here are three ways people are supporting the Pope during this difficult time, including a novena.

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## 1. A NOVENA FOR THE POPE

The Knights of Columbus (USA) are encouraging as many people as possible to pray a novena for the

Pope. Here is the prayer they are suggesting:

*Novena Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI*

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V. Let us pray for Benedict, the pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life,

make him blessed upon the earth,

and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R. And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

For a pdf version of the Novena Prayer Card, [click here](#).

For a pdf with 6 printable prayer cards, [click here](#).

For the novena in Spanish, [click here](#)

## **2. Video: DO YOU KNOW BENEDICT XVI?**

Several students at Mendaур, a student residence at the University of Navarra (Spain), have prepared a short video—a little offbeat, but charming—about Pope Benedict XVI. The video required many hours of work, 1,000 photographs, and more than 1,400 drawings.

[Watch the Video: \*Do you know Benedict XVI?\*](#)

For the story about how the the video was made [click here](#).

### 3. SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

The Newman Society (USA) is hosting a prayer campaign for the Pope. Almost a million people have committed themselves in the last two weeks to pray for Pope Benedict. To participate, [click here](#).

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