

# Rush Limbaugh Derides Pope Francis for Suggesting Trump Is 'Not a Christian'

Pope Francis alleged Wednesday that Donald Trump is “not a Christian,” provoking fiery outrage from Rush Limbaugh.

Last week, Trump criticized Pope Francis for visiting migrants along the Mexican border. Though the pope said it was to offer prayer and show solidarity with the suffering, Trump thought Francis was merely a pawn for the Mexican government.

Trump said, “I think that the pope is a very political person,” according to the *New York Times*.

Francis responded at a press conference Wednesday: “Thank God [Trump] said I am a political man. Because Aristotle defines a human being as a political animal. At least I am a human being. And am I a pawn? Well, maybe. I will leave that up to your judgment. And a person who thinks only about making walls, wherever it may be, and not building bridges, is not a Christian” (translation courtesy of the *Associated Press*).

Though Trump has not responded, Limbaugh has argued on his behalf.

Limbaugh commented on *The Rush Limbaugh Show*: “Well, there’s big news to open the program with. CNN just reporting that il Papa, Pope Francis, upon boarding the pope jet on the return to Italy from Mexico said that Donald Trump is not a Christian. Man, are they pulling out all the stops now. The Pope says that Donald Trump is not a Christian because Christians do not build walls, they build bridges. Never mind that the Vatican is surrounded by a wall and we won’t even talk about who built that wall. But that’s what the pope said. And given the pope’s political leanings, I’m surprised he

isn't on the campaign trail for Bernie Sanders. But maybe Bernie Sanders is too far to the right for the pope."

Though we may never know Trump's standing before God, we know that God knows—and ultimately, that's all that matters. As for our part, Jesus says in Matthew 12:33, "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt. For the tree is known by its fruit."

Let us know in the comments what sort of fruit you think a Trump presidency might produce.