

End-Times Prophecy and the Vatican: What the Next Pope Could Mean

The world is watching as Pope Francis remains in critical condition, and speculation is swirling over who will take his place. The Catholic Church is at a pivotal moment, and this decision isn't just about choosing a new leader—it could shape the Church's future and even play a role in end-times prophecy.

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Right now, three major candidates stand out, each representing a different ideological path for the Church:

1. Cardinal Pietro Parolin (Moderate)

- Vatican Secretary of State, known for his diplomatic skills and globalist leanings.
- Seen as a continuation of Pope Francis's policies, promoting interfaith unity and international cooperation.
- Some speculate he could fulfill St. Malachy's prophecy of 'Peter the Roman,' a pope who oversees the Church during great tribulation.
- Could further integrate the Vatican into a one-world religious movement, raising concerns about biblical warnings of the Antichrist's rise.

2. Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu (Conservative)

- Archbishop from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a strong advocate for traditional Catholic teachings.

- Outspoken against Pope Francis's approval of same-sex blessings.
- Would be the first African pope, potentially shifting the Church back toward biblical conservatism.
- His leadership could cleanse the Church of corruption but may also spark division within the Vatican.

3. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle (Liberal)

- Filipino cardinal often referred to as the Asian Pope Francis.
- Advocates for LGBTQ+ inclusion, progressive immigration policies and environmental activism.
- Would likely push the Vatican even further left, aligning it with globalist movements.
- Critics fear this could mark the Church's final departure from biblical truth, aligning with the prophesied great apostasy.