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Francis, the comic strip

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A quote from Pope Francis:

"When Jesus touches a young person's heart, he or she becomes capable of truly great things. It is exciting to listen to you share your dreams, your questions and your impatience with those who say that things cannot change. Those whom I call 'quietists': 'nothing can change.' No, young people have the strength to challenge them! But ... maybe some are not so sure about this. ... I ask you, and you respond: can things change? ... For me, it is a gift of God to see so many of you, with all your questions, trying to make a difference. It is beautiful and heartwarming to see all that restlessness! Today the church looks to you, and I would add, the world looks to you, and wants to learn from you, to be reassured that the Father's mercy has an ever-youthful face, and constantly invites us to be part of his Kingdom, it is a Kingdom of joy, a Kingdom always joyful, always driving us forward, a Kingdom able to give us the strength to change things. I have forgotten and so I repeat my question to you: can things change? [Yes!] Agreed."

-- Address to young people at World Youth Day, Blonia Park, Krakow, Poland, July 29, 2016

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