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Dolan: 'People smoking marijuana' think I'll be next pope

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The ebullient cardinal of New York, Timothy Dolan, was more than accurate when he debunked any thought that he will be the next pope, according to a *New York Post* report:

Anyone who believes Timothy Cardinal Dolan has a chance of becoming the next pope is smoking funny cigarettes -- so says Dolan.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday, Dolan was asked about rumors that he would be named the first American pope when the College of Cardinals convenes next month to select Pope Benedict's successor.

"I'd say those are only from people smoking marijuana," Dolan said.

Last week, I wrote a story on why Cardinals Dolan and Donald Wuerl would not be the next pope. You can read that analysis [here](#).

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