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When Jesuits and Franciscans come together

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Pope Francis

Now let's see if I have this straight.

The Jesuit, Jorge Bergoglio, gets elected pope.

He takes the name "Francis," after the founder of the Franciscan order, St. Francis of Assisi.

The Jesuit pope, in his first major appointment, names a Franciscan, Father José Rodríguez Carballo, the head of the Franciscan order and president of the Union of Superiors General (USG), the umbrella group for representatives of men's religious orders, to be secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Religious.

The Jesuit pope then names Franciscan, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, to be his U.S. personal advisor, in an effort to help Francis reform church governance.

Yesterday, Jesuit Father Adolfo Nicolás, the worldwide leader of the Jesuit order, was named to fill the vacated Franciscan Carballo USG spot.

Our Jesuit Bishop of Rome — he does not refer to himself as "pope" — who took the name "Francis," is leading the church into a new era. (Do we call this a "papacy" if Francis does not call himself pope?)

This new moment is beginning to have a unique Jesuit/Franciscan spirituality and mission.

Stay tuned.

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