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Forthright talk

'This church ... is the home of all, not a small chapel'

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Media headlines described Francis' interview with the *American* publication as "intensely liberal language," "stunningly frank," "refreshingly open" and "a gift to us many souls."

Francis expressed the tone of his interviews with leaders, which were conducted in Italian, before it was translated and published.

In the interview, Francis admitted to some ambivalence about his homeward-bound return, but he said he was not "hesitant" about his return to Rome, and he said he was not "hesitant" about his return to Rome.

Francis said the church has no right to "impose itself" in the lives of gays and lesbians, repeating an idea he has said during his archdiocesan press conference following his trip to Brazil.

As the archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis said, he received letters from gays and lesbians who said they were "very worried" because they felt the church condemned them.

"The church does not want to be like that," he said.

"This church ... is the home of all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people. We must not reduce the home of the universal church to a sort of private club," he said.

Francis was forthright speaking with *Newsweek* magazine. The most serious of the critics that affect the world these days are social inequalities and the loss of the old. The old need care and compassion. The young need work and hope. We have to be more open to the future, and the problems in the world are not the same as they were in the past. We have to be more open to the future, and the problems in the world are not the same as they were in the past. We have to be more open to the future, and the problems in the world are not the same as they were in the past.

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Mercy for the spiritually poor essential for reform

By Hans Küng

Pope Francis shows courage not only in his firm appearance in the Service of the Poor in the Vatican, but also in his open dialogue with critical members. He has written an open letter to leading bishops last week. He is not afraid to speak his mind. He is not afraid to speak his mind. He is not afraid to speak his mind.

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The National Catholic Reporter October 11, 2013, edition includes a special section featuring reactions to Pope Francis' interview. Contributors include Richard Rohr, Hans Küng, Michelle Gonzalez, Richard Gaillardetz and Chris Lowney, as well as analysis from NCR staff. Additional copies of this edition are

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SENTENCE ON WOMEN 'INADVERTENTLY DELETED'

By MICHAEL W. FLANNERY

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A 'culture of encounter'

Francis wishes to release Vatican II's bold vision from captivity

By MICHAEL W. FLANNERY



By the last 10 years we have had the pope, the first ever to be elected from the Americas. Francis has a bold vision of the church. He wants to release Vatican II's bold vision from captivity. He wants to release Vatican II's bold vision from captivity. He wants to release Vatican II's bold vision from captivity.

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