

## Pope's Quotes: The field hospital church

Dennis Coday | Oct. 26, 2013 | The Francis Chronicles

My favorite quotes from Pope Francis:

"The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up.

From "[A Big Heart Open to God](#)" [1], *America* magazine Sept. 19, 2013.

Editor's note: We can send you a biweekly email alert with content from The Francis Chronicles. Follow the directions on our [email alert signup page](#) [2].

---

**Source URL (retrieved on 07/28/2017 - 06:06):** <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/francis-chronicles/pope-s-quotes-field-hospital-church>

### Links:

[1] <http://americamagazine.org/pope-interview>

[2] <http://ncronline.org/email-alert-signup>