**Listening Exercise 102**

Audio News Article, 1 minute 13 seconds

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Guidelines:

A. Review the listening questions

B. Play the audio twice in repetition (click on the icon)

C. Attempt to answer the questions.

F. Review the transcript to gauge comprehension

G. Listen to the audio a third and fourth time while simultaneously reading the audio transcript

H. Refer to the answers, vocabulary and translation to clarify doubts and uncertainties



**Questions**

1. What is it that the Pope has shown an inclination toward?
   1. Sports
   2. Foreign language
   3. Social networks
   4. Computer science
2. How do millions follow the Pope?
   1. Newspapers
   2. Radio
   3. Twitter
   4. Facebook
3. Which group is mentioned as following the Pope in greatest number?
   1. English
   2. French
   3. Italian
   4. Spanish
4. How many more times are the Pope’s messages sent than President Obama’s?
   1. 3
   2. 5
   3. 7
   4. 10
5. Which of the Pope’s messages are most popular?
   1. Advice to youth
   2. Birth control
   3. Anti-war
   4. Anti-capitalism
6. What does the Pope consider a gift from God?
   1. Young people
   2. Peace
   3. Internet
   4. Refugees

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| Desde el inicio de su pontificado el Papa Francisco ha mostrado su inclinación por las redes sociales. En sus casi tres años como Papa se ha colocado como el líder religioso con mayor influencia en Twitter. | From the beginning of his pontificate Pope Francisco has shown his penchant for social networking. In his nearly three years as Pope he has positioned himself as the most influential religious leader on Twitter. |
| Actualmente cuenta con más de 23.5 millones de seguidores a través de manadas cuentas que maneja en igual número de idiomas. La cuenta oficial fue abierta en 2012 por su antecesor Benedicto XVI. Sin embargo, en febrero de 2013 cuando este anunció su renuncia al pontificado el número de seguidores de la cuenta era entonces de 3 millones. Su cuenta en español, @Pontifex\_es, es la que tiene actualmente mayor cantidad de seguidores con 10.9 millones mientras que la que maneja en inglés tiene 8.5 millones. | He currently has more than 23.5 million followers through droves of accounts that he handles in as many languages. The official account was opened in 2012 by his predecessor Benedict XVI. However in February 2013 when he announced his resignation to the pontificate the number of account followers was then 3 million. His account in Spanish, @Pontifex\_es, is the one which currently has the most followers with 10,900,000 while one he manages in English has 8.5 million. |
| Sus mensajes al llegan ser retwiterada en hasta 43,000 ocasiones. En el Twitter el Pontífice es divulgado casi diez veces más que uno del presidente Barak Obama. Algunos de los más retwitterados tienen que ver con consejos que ha enviado a los jóvenes. Se espera que varios millones de personas sigan la visita de Francisco a México a través de Twitter. El Papa Francisco ha dicho que considera el internet como un don de Dios. | His messages come to be retweeted up to 43,000 times. On Twitter the Pope is retweeted almost ten times more than one of President Barak Obama. Some of the most retweeted are related to advice sent to youth. It is expected that millions of people will follow the visit of Francisco to Mexico via Twitter. Pope Francis has said he considers the internet as a gift from God. |

**Vocabulary**

pontificado Pontificate

manadas droves

antecesor predecessor

seguidores followers

don gift

divulgado spread (in context ‘retweeted’)