

Donald Trump's Papal Name

One of Donald Trump's many Walter Mitty fantasies and cartoon character delusions is imagining himself as Pope.

Upon being elevated to the Papacy, each new Pope chooses a papal name which honors the legacy of a predecessor.

Knowing nothing about the Catholic Church or the history of the Papacy much less the stories of individual Popes, Trump tasked the Librarian of Congress, a MAGA loyalist he had recently installed into the office, with finding the ideal canonical name for a Pope Trump.

The Librarian of Congress used a special AI program to match the qualities and characteristics of Donald Trump with each of the 265 men who had previously been named Pope.

There was only one perfect match...

Rodrigo Borgia – Pope Alexander VI – remembered as “the most corrupt of the Renaissance Popes.”

The Librarian of Congress printed out the report and, wanting to impress the new boss, carefully checked the criteria selected by the AI program.

Adulterous – check
Arrogant – check
Autocratic – check
Avaricious – check
Betrayal – check
Blasphemous – check
Bribery – check
Callous – check
Cheat – check
Corrupt – check
Cronyism – check
Cruel – check
Deceitful – check
Dishonest – check
Disloyal – check
Double-dealing – check
Envious – check



“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”

Jesus, Matthew 7:15

Fear-mongering – check
Grandiose – check
Greedy – check
Hateful – check
Hypocritical – check
Lecherous – check
Lewd - check
Machiavellian – check
Malicious – check
Mendacious – check
Mercenary – check
Misogynistic – check
Narcissistic – check
Nepotistic – check
Petty – check
Pompous – check
Predatory – check
Profane – check
Racist – check
Rapacious – check
Scandalous – check
Self-serving – check
Simoniactal – check
Sinful – check
Slothful – check
Unholy – check
Untrustworthy – check
Vainglorious – check
Venal – check
Violent – check
Vulgar – check
Whiny – check
Wrathful – check
Xenophobic – check

The new MAGA Librarian of Congress smiled
knowing that The Donald could not stand
to stand in the shadow of anyone else.

And that as Pope Alexander IX
he would use every lever of the Catholic Church
to assure the Trump name would overshadow the name of Borgia...
In the history books.

Historian Francesco Guicciardini could just as well have been writing about Donald Trump as about Pope Alexander VI in saying that he...

“possessed singular cunning and shrewdness, excellent perspicacity, [and] amazing powers of persuasion... but these qualities were far outweighed by his vices: the most obscene manners, hypocrisy, immodesty, mendacity, infidelity, profanity, insatiable greed, unrestrained ambition, a predilection for viciousness that was worse than barbarian, and a fervent hunger to exalt his many children, among whom there were several no less repellent than the father.”

Quoted in *The Borgias and Their Enemies, 1431-1519* by Christopher Hibbert.