

## **POPE FRANCIS amidst SOME YOUTH!**

Our current Pope the Argentinian born Francis is for many people the constant world face of the Catholic Church.

Before the COVID-19 lockdown, he hosted an audience of 7,000 young people in Rome and to the shock of his *minders*, he invited 10 youngsters onto the stage to ask him *their* questions.

Below are some of the questions and the answers he gave; *“Holy Father I find it hard to sometimes believe in God and then remain faithful? “The Pope replied, “Life for us all is a journey where we are looking towards a future horizon while checking where we have come from. The challenge is not to get discouraged in doing God’s will as in time it will be your best life option.”*

*“Holy Father how do you stay hopeful in a world that is plagued by so many problems?” He responded, “Having a problem has a good side as it challenges me to confront its root cause, then I can better see opportunities for growth within myself and with the people around me.”* Finally, one of the teachers of the young people asked this question; *“Is it important for Catholics to be involved in politics? “The response was “Of course it is, to be politically involved is one of the best ways anyone can serve the common good.”* In many ways the papacy of Francis is one of constant surprises in what he says and does! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*