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Is Francis living up to his promises?

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Dr. Andreas R. Batlogg SJ was born in 1962, has been a Jesuit since 1985 and studied philosophy and theology in Innsbruck, Israel and Vienna. In 2000 he joined the editorial staff of the monthly *Stimmen der Zeit* and since 2009 has been its chief editor. Since October 2005 he has been co-editing the *Complete Works* of Karl Rahners.

March 13, 2013, was the day white smoke made its way up to the sky. The Argentinian Jesuit Jose Bergoglio had become the first South American to be elected Pope. Five years later many people are wondering what Francis has actually done, what he has achieved. Apart from emotionally moving sermons and spectacular gestures, is there anything to show in the way of tangible results regarding changes within the Church? Or has it all been nothing but symbolic politics?

Andreas R. Batlogg has taken a look at these five years – at what has happened, at what has been set in motion and got off the ground. He has taken stock without making a "performance showcase". Will teachings change? Or will the Pope fail? Is he giving in to resignation because, as many observers thought in the hot spring and summer of 2017, he is becoming increasingly isolated? Jesuit Andreas R. Batlogg has given some surprising answers, thus drawing a new picture of Pope Francis.