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News Review

Pope's first official visit to Santiago

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The story

Pope Francis has begun his first official visit to Chile and Peru.

Thousands of Chileans greeted the pontiff, who is from Argentina, as his motorcade travelled into the city.

But the crowds were much smaller than for his previous visits to Latin America. There are expected to be protests about an abuse scandal involving Catholic priests.

Vocabulary

subdued

quieter than usual

sparse

small in number or spread out

pin their hopes on

hope someone or something will help them

Language challenge

Pope Francis has travelled into the city of Santiago on his first official visit to Chile and Peru. He travelled 'in a car at the head of a slow-moving group of vehicles'. Which word below best describes this situation?

- a) motorcade
- b) convoy
- c) caravan

Answer

a) motorcade