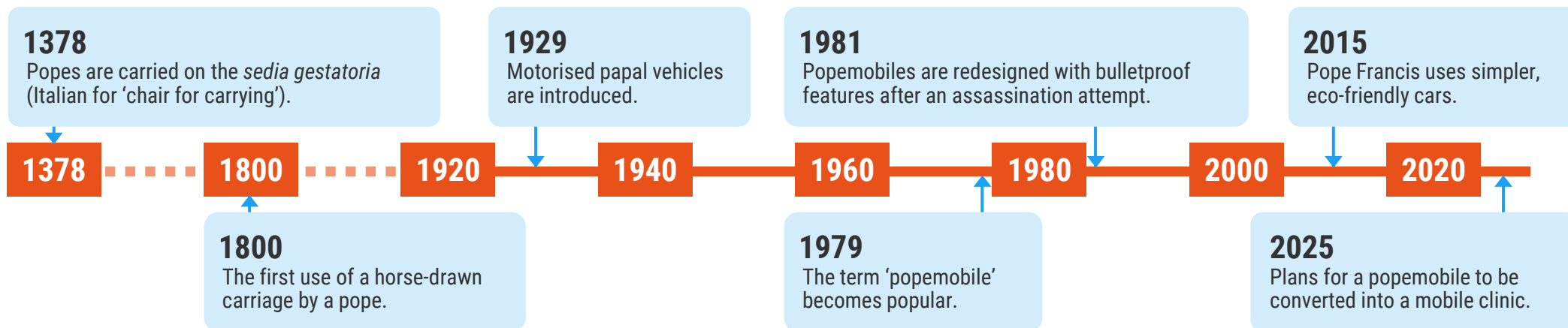




Look at the resource below, which shows how the popemobile has evolved over time.

Reflection

The popemobile has changed over time, but its purpose stays the same - to help the pope connect with and care for others.



In the past, popes were carried on thrones by attendants to be seen by the public.



After 1981, popemobiles were designed with bulletproof glass for safety.

Pictured: The *sedia gestatoria* of Pope Pius VII (1800-1823).
Source: Wikimedia Commons.

Pictured: Pope Francis visiting Iquique, Chile, in 2018.
Source: Gobierno Regional de Tarapacá on Flickr.

Fun Facts

- The popemobile helps the pope be seen and stay safe.
- The pope doesn't have a private jet – he uses regular airlines.
- The license plate for the popemobile is SCV 1, which stands for *Stato della Città del Vaticano* (State of Vatican City in English).

What's the biggest change you notice about the popemobile over time?