

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.

1378

Popes are carried on the sedia gestatoria (Italian for 'chair for carrying').

1800

1920

1940

are introduced.

Motorised papal vehicles

1929

1981

Popemobiles are redesigned with bulletproof features after an assassination attempt.

1960

1980

2000

2015

Pope Francis uses simpler. eco-friendly cars.

2020

1800

The first use of a horse-drawn carriage by a pope.

1979

The term 'popemobile' becomes popular.

2025

Plans for a popemobile to be converted into a mobile clinic.



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

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 stav 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?