



**Read the information below, all about the popemobile's new role and why Pope Francis chose to donate it.**

## What is the popemobile?

The popemobile is a special car that the pope uses to travel and wave to people safely. It's usually white and has big windows so everyone can see him. Sometimes, it's open at the top, and other times, it's covered to protect him from bad weather or large crowds. There is more than one popemobile, and different ones are used in different countries or situations. The popemobile helps the pope meet lots of people all around the world!

## What will the popemobile's new purpose be?

Currently, there is an ongoing war in Gaza. For the many people who live there, it can be difficult for them to get the things they need, like food, clean water, and medicine.

The popemobile that is being sent to Gaza hasn't been used since 2014, but it will now help people who are unwell or injured. Instead of carrying the pope, the vehicle will contain medical equipment, and transport people to receive care.

**"We call it a vehicle of hope because it conveys a message to the children of Gaza that peace is possible, there will be peace, you will have a future, and the world has not forgotten about you."**

Peter Brune, the secretary general of the Catholic charity, Caritas Sweden.



**Pictured above:** What the refitted popemobile could look like inside, based on another mobile health unit. **Source:** WHO (World Health Organisation).

**Can you think of a time when you have donated something to help others?**