

Blog: Catholic Throwback Thursday - a look at soccer, Pope Francis and the World Cup

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"It's like in soccer: you have to deal with the penalties where they fall; you can't choose where they're going to land. Life is like that, and you have to deal with it even if you don't like it."

-Pope Francis on soccer as a metaphor for life from "Pope Francis in His Own Words"

Who loves football (soccer)?

Pope Francis has been an avid, lifelong fan of the San Lorenzo football club of Buenos Aires, according to Marcelo Tinelli, the team vice-president, who told Fox Sports last summer that the Holy Father has paid his club dues "religiously" every year, even after being elected pope in March of 2013.

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