

ELECTING A POPE – WORD LIST

- **accept** = to agree or say yes
- **announce** = to officially tell people about something
- **ballot** = a system of voting OR a piece of paper on which you write who you vote for
- **basilica** = a big church with a long hall and a round end
- **blessing** = sign from God
- **bury** = to put a dead person into a grave
- **camerlengo** = the Italian word for chamberlain
- **candidate** = somebody who is said to be good for the job
- **chamberlain** = an important person who manages the house of a pope
- **conclave** = a private and secret meeting
- **confirm** = to show that something is true
- **continue** = to go on
- **crypt** = room under a church where people are buried
- **elect** = to vote for
- **election** = when people vote for somebody
- **embalm** = to put chemicals on a body so that it cannot smell
- **funeral** = to bury somebody after he has died
- **lock** = close the door with a key so that nobody can get in or out
- **majority** = the greater part of
- **papacy** = the office of the pope
- **papal** = everything that has to do with the pope
- **pontiff** = same as pope
- **present** = to be there
- **receive** = get
- **release** = to let something go up or out
- **result** = outcome
- **retire** = to stop working
- **seal** = to lock
- **simple majority** = candidate who gets the most votes
- **take office** = to become a pope