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## Conclave Elects Joseph Ratzinger

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On Tuesday, April 19, Joseph Ratzinger of Germany appeared on a Vatican balcony as the 265th pontiff, taking the name Benedict XVI.

The conclave of cardinals voted three times before Ratzinger won a simple majority. After the second Tuesday vote, white smoke filled the air with ringing bells following short after.

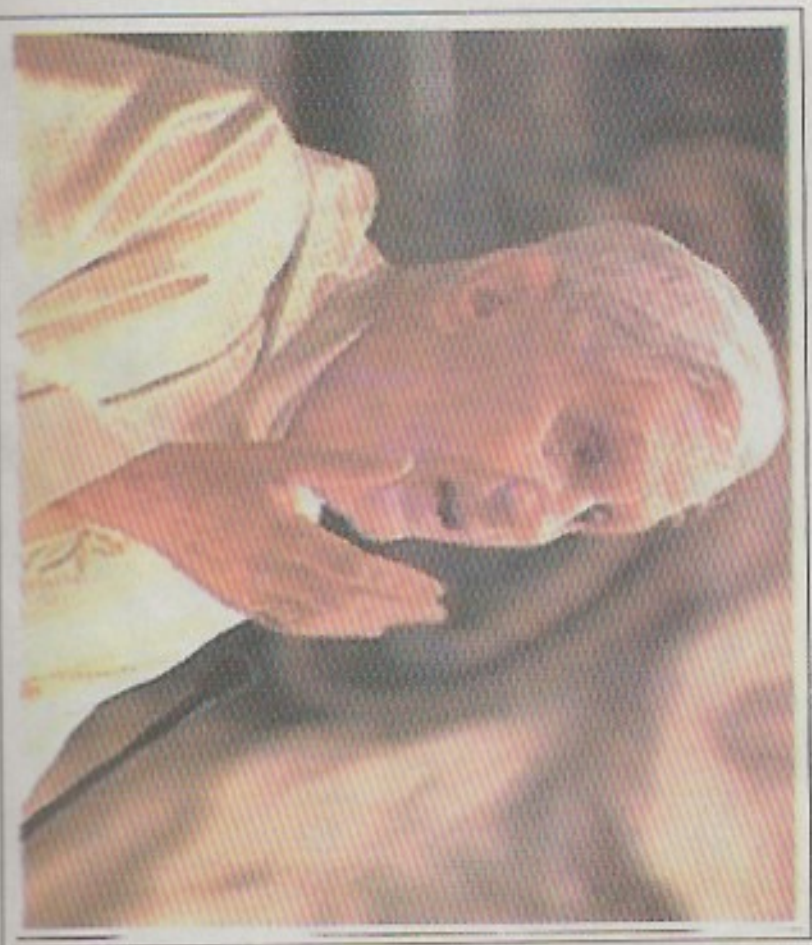
Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez appeared on a Vatican balcony and announced Benedict XVI's election in the traditional Latin, but he prefaced it by saying the words "brothers and sisters" in several languages.

In his first address as Pope Benedict

men and women of world -- not his own light, but that of Christ," Benedict said. He had been serving as the Dean of Cardinals and was one of the most powerful men in the Vatican under John Paul II — acting as his chief theological adviser for 20 years.

Wearing traditional papal robes and a large smile, Pope Benedict XVI said Monday that he had prayed to God during the conclave not to be elected pope but that "evidently this time He didn't listen to me."

In March 1977, he was named archbishop of Munich and Freising by Pope Paul VI. He was the first diocesan priest in 80 years to take over the pastoral ministry of the Bavarian diocese. Ratzinger became known by some of



Pope Benedict XVI, previously known as Joseph Ratzinger, is seen above dispensing wisdom in a homily during his career as a Cardinal.