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## US First Lady Melania Trump is Catholic, spokeswoman confirms

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Melania Trump arrives at the Apostolic Palace for an audience with Pope Francis (Getty images)

### ***She will be the first Catholic in the White House since President John F. Kennedy***

United States First Lady Melania Trump is a practising Catholic, her spokeswoman has confirmed.

Following speculation over Mrs Trump's faith during her visit to the Vatican on Wednesday, her spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham **confirmed** to DailyMail.com that the First Lady is indeed Catholic.

Mrs Trump placed flowers at the feet of a statue of the Virgin Mary and spent time praying at the Bambino Gesù Hospital during her visit. She also presented Pope Francis with rosary beads for the Pontiff to bless.

It is unclear when Melania Trump became Catholic. She was raised in a Communist-supporting family in Slovenia and was not baptised as a child. She married Donald Trump, a life-long

Presbyterian, in 2005 at an Episcopal church in Palm Beach, Florida.

Despite her husband being inaugurated US president in January, she is not due to move into the White House until the summer. When she does, she will be the first Catholic to live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue since President John F Kennedy and his wife Jackie in the early 1960s.

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