

THE POPE: A) HAS AN IPAD B) LAUNCHED A WEBSITE FROM IT C) TWEETED ABOUT IT

source: actual tweet from around the web

A HISTORIC TWEET

Dear Friends, I just launched [NEWS.VA](#)
Praised be our Lord Jesus Christ! With
my prayers and blessings,
Benedictus XVI



Technology, Gizmos, Texting, Twittering, and Following

by John Amoratis, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

When Life Teen staff members Kevin Hickey and Eric Porteous visited our Diocese back in February, they were invited to write an article for this page, the youth ministry page, of our Diocesan newspaper. Kevin wrote the article and he focused the whole thing on technology, text messaging, and social networking.

Following Kevin's lead, this month's youth ministry page is here to highlight some amazing Catholic tech news. Tech is the new 'big thing' in Church life these days. Biggest news of all: Pope Benedict XVI got himself an iPad, signed on to Twitter, and launched the new Vatican news website. For anyone who thinks the Vatican is dusty and out of date, the Pope's iPad may shock them. Check out the brand new Vatican news website at [news.va](#)

But the news does not stop there. I am

proud to say that just over 30 pilgrims from our small diocese will be attending World Youth Day! Everyone in our Diocese will be able to digitally go along for the journey. Thanks to Karla Donaghey, Director of Communications for our Diocese, I will be equipped with an iPad and will be posting tons of news, pictures, and video clips on [akseac.com](#), the online version of the Southeast Alaska Catholic. Visit [akseac.com](#) today and add this web address to your bookmarks!

Check our main diocesan website often. The address is [dioceseofjuneau.org](#). I have had the privilege to work on refining many features of the website over the past few months, and there have also been many other church workers adding information to the site. Today, it is a better resource than ever before!

Word Nerd: computer

1640s, "one who calculates," agent noun from **compute**. Meaning "calculating machine" (of any type) is from 1897; in modern use, "programmable digital electronic computer" (1945; theoretical from 1937, as *Turing machine*)

(Source [etymonline.com](#))

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