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Gatherings such as this wedding celebration are important ceremonial occasions for tribespeople living around Lake Turkana.

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Projects upstream from Kenya's Lake Turkana threaten to turn the world's largest permanent desert lake into a dust bowl disaster. *By Neil Shea Photographs by Randy Olson*

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Will the Pope Change the Vatican?

Or will the Vatican change Pope Francis, who has focused on serving the poor and reforming the church?

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On the Cover After his Christmas 2014 speech to throngs in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis made an unexpected visit to the Sistine Chapel—the kind of spontaneous act he's known for. *Photo by Dave Yoder*

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