

pontificate

1. [pɒn'tɪfɪkət] *n*
 - 1) понтифика́т правосвященство
 - 2) пребывание *или* срок пребывания у власти папы *или* архиепископа
2. [pɒn'tɪfɪkət] *v*
 1. *церк.* служить службу, отправлять богослужение (*особ. мессу; о папе, епископе*)
 2. 1) вещать, говорить (*что-л.*) с важным видом
 - 2) заниматься догматическими разглагольствованиями

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pon-tifi-cate [pontificate pontificates pontificated pontificating] **verb, noun**
verb **BrE** [pɒn'tɪfɪkət] ¹ ; **NAmE** [pɑːnˌtɪfɪkət] **intransitive** ~ (about/on sth) (disapproving)
 to give your opinions about sth in a way that shows that you think you are right

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	pontificate
	BrE /pɒn'tɪfɪkət/
	NAmE /pɑ:n'tɪfɪkət/
he / she / it	pontificates
	BrE /pɒn'tɪfɪkəts/
	NAmE /pɑ:n'tɪfɪkəts/
past simple, past participle	pontificated
	BrE /pɒn'tɪfɪkətɪd/
	NAmE /pɑ:n'tɪfɪkətɪd/
-ing form	pontificating
	BrE /pɒn'tɪfɪkətɪŋ/
	NAmE /pɑ:n'tɪfɪkətɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a noun): from Latin **pontificatus**, from **pontifex**, from **pons**, **pont-** 'bridge' + **-fex** from **facere** 'make'. The verb dates from the early 19th cent.

noun **BrE** [pɒn'tɪfɪkət] ¹ ; **NAmE** [pɑːnˌtɪfɪkət] ¹

the official position or period in office of a **↑** **pope**

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 to give your opinion about something in a way that shows you think you are always right
pontificate about/on
¹ Politicians are always pontificating about education.
- II. **pon-tif-i-cate** ² /pɒn'tɪfɪkət, pɒn'tɪfɪkɪt \$ pɑːn- **BrE** ¹ **AmE** ¹ **noun** [countable]
 the position or period of being Pope

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