1. Who founded the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church was founded by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ over 2000 years ago. Jesus appointed Peter as the first leader of the Church, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Mt. 16:18). Successive leaders of the Church starting from Peter to Francis have been given the designation, 'Pope' (Spiritual Father).