

The Joyful Announcement of Our New Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With hearts full of gratitude and awe before the mystery of God's providence, I share with you the joyful and historic news—His Eminence Robert Cardinal Prevost has been elected as the Successor of Saint Peter and taken the name, Pope Leo XIV.

This moment marks a new chapter in the life of the Church and the world. As the white smoke rose over the Vatican and the bells of St. Peter's rang out, the universal Church rejoiced at the gift of a new Holy Father—a man of deep prayer, wisdom, and pastoral zeal. Pope Leo XIV, now the 267th Vicar of Christ, steps forward to shepherd the flock of Christ with courage, humility, and hope.

As your pastor, I invite you to unite in prayer for our new pope. Let us thank the Holy Spirit for guiding the College of Cardinals and let us entrust Pope Leo XIV to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and of St. Peter, the first Pope.

How blessed we are by God during this Jubilee Year of Hope! May our new Pontiff usher in an era of hope, peace, and joy for the Catholic Church and all humanity. In the spirit of solidarity, let us rededicate ourselves to the Gospel and walk together in fidelity to Jesus Christ and His Church.

In the coming days, we will offer special prayers of thanksgiving at Mass and commemorate this historic moment with joy and reverence.

Viva il Papa Leone XIV!

In Christ,
Fr. Freitag

