

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On May 8, 2025, the Papal Conclave named Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost to become our new Pope. We know him now as Pope Leo XIV. May we join in prayer for our new Pope as he takes on his duties and responsibilities to lead our church, oversee its beautiful teachings, and serve as the spiritual guide to the Catholic world and beyond.



Compassionate, Loving Action

May we join together to learn more about Pope Leo XIV so we can support his work with more knowledge and strength. We know he was born in Chicago, graduated from Villanova University, studied at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, traveled and served throughout the world, most notably in Peru, became the first Pope from the United States, and the first Augustinian Pope. We know, however, sisters and brothers, that these are just the skeletal facts of a life lived in complete service to our Lord. May we learn more, study more, and continue to pray for Pope Leo as he takes on his duties. Then let us go out into our communities and tell the good news!



Let Us Pray

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

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Let Us Sing

The City of God by Dan Schutte was played to introduce Pope Leo. May we as a Franciscan family join in song. <https://youtu.be/8yEYOY9nUZI> This video on You Tube is beautiful and inspiring.

May we pray, act, and sing as we carry God's Hope and Love into the world.