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Habemus Papam! We Have a Pope!

LAS VEGAS (May 8, 2025) — On May 8, 2025, the College of Cardinals elected Cardinal Prevost, who has taken the name Pope Leo XIV, as the next Pope of the Catholic Church.

Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D., and Auxiliary Bishop Gregory W. Gordon join the laity, religious and clergy of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas in expressing profound joy and gratitude at the election of our new Pope.

Statement from Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.:

"With gratitude to God and profound joy, we welcome our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit guide and sustain him as he begins his ministry to the Universal Church. As Archbishop of Las Vegas, I pledge my love, fidelity, and solidarity to our new Pope, offering unwavering support for his sacred mission as the Successor of Saint Peter. On behalf of the clergy, religious, and faithful of southern Nevada, we assure Pope Leo XIV of our constant prayers and deep affection as he leads the Universal Church."

Statement from Auxiliary Bishop Gregory W. Gordon:

"With great joy and renewed hope, during this Jubilee Year of Hope, we give thanks to Almighty God for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he begins his Petrine ministry, we offer him our heartfelt prayers, steadfast support, and unwavering fidelity as he shepherds the Universal Church. I join Archbishop Thomas and the faithful in Las Vegas in welcoming Pope Leo XIV as the 267th successor of Saint Peter."

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A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Election of Pope Leo XIV, will be celebrated on May 11, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Guardian Angel Cathedral, 302 Cathedral Way. For more information, visit LVCatholic.org.

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