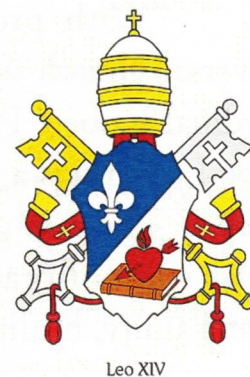
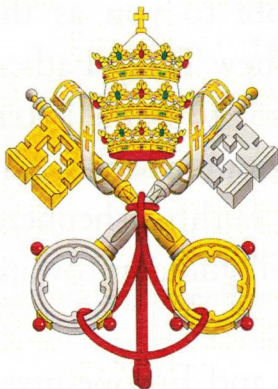
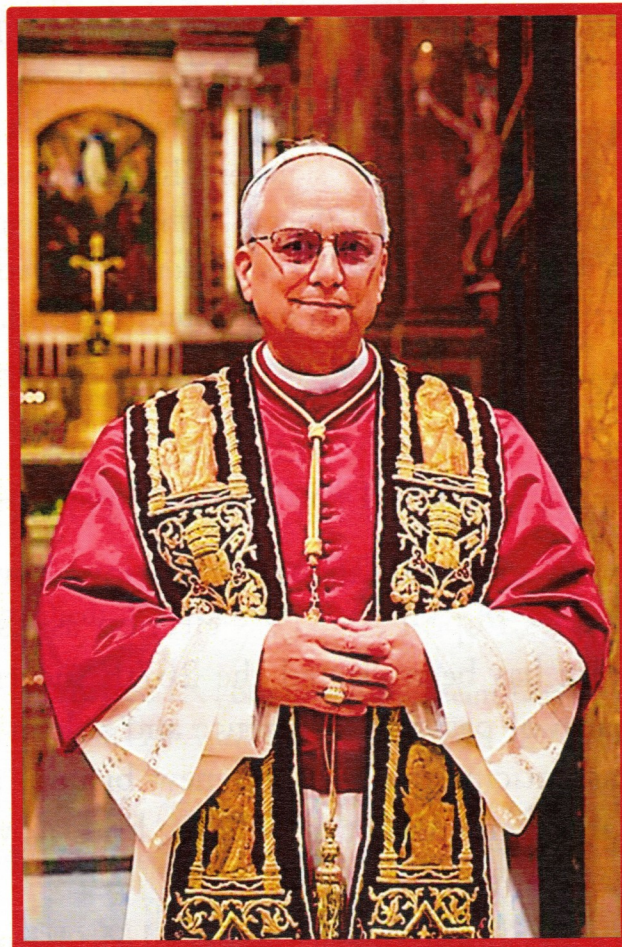


Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum;
habemus Papam:
Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum,
Dominum *Robertum Franciscum*
Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem *Prevost*
qui sibi nomen imposuit **LEONEM XIV**



8 May 2025

I announce to you a great joy: We have a pope! The Most Eminent
and Most Reverend Lord, *Robert Francis*, cardinal of the Holy
Roman Church *Prevost* who has imposed on himself the name of
LEO THE FOURTEENTH

A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

God of all people,

Habemus papam! We have a new pope!

In trust and gratitude, we turn to your Holy Spirit. We know your Spirit has been active during this time of conclave, guiding the prayerful discernment that has brought your Church to this important moment. Now, as Pope Leo XIV assumes the Petrine Ministry, we pray that your Spirit draw ever closer to our new Holy Father, illuminating his path so that he may faithfully see and respond to the needs of your people.

We pray that Pope Leo XIV be strengthened in his ministry. May he continue building bridges that connect us to one another. May he be an example of faith, hope and love. We pray that you give him joy in his work and a renewed fervor for your Gospel message. May he never lose sight of Christ who walks before us and among us — particularly in the most vulnerable, the forgotten and the outcast. Christ Jesus, bless Pope Leo XIV — and bless us, your holy people, as together we strive to be your Body in our wounded world.

Amen.

BISHOP PERSICO'S STATEMENT ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO

“With profound gratitude and heartfelt joy, I write to you as the universal church welcomes Pope Leo XIV’s election as its new Holy Father. Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected the 267th successor to Saint Peter. Pope Leo brings a wealth of pastoral experience and a deep commitment to the Gospel. There is great anticipation that our new bishop, a faithful shepherd whose spirit of peace and commitment to building bridges, will guide us toward greater unity, healing and hope.

His experience in South America, particularly Peru, and Europe gives him a unique perspective on unifying the church across continents. Though relatively new to the College of Cardinals, he is a spiritual leader serving as prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops, a prominent role in the Catholic Church. Let us unite in prayer for our Holy Father, that he may be granted wisdom, strength and grace to lead the Catholic Church in these times. Let us also remember the words of Pope Francis, who reminded us that ‘the church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open.’ May we continue to embody this spirit of openness and love in our communities.”

POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AND WORLD

8 May 2025 – Central Loggia of Saint Peter Basilica, Rome

“Peace be with you all!” Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth.

“Peace be with you!” This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarmed peace and a disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally. We still retain in our ears that weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis blessing Rome!

The pope blessing Rome gave his blessing to the world, to the whole world, that morning of Easter Day. Let me follow up on that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God’s hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other — let us go forward. We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us.

The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us also, and then help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounter, uniting us all to be one people always at peace. Thank you, Pope Francis!

I also want to thank all my brother cardinals who have chosen me to be Successor of Peter and walk together with you, as a united Church always seeking peace, justice, always seeking to work as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries.

I am a son of St. Augustine, an Augustinian, who said, “For you I am a bishop, with you, I am a Christian.” In this sense we can all walk together toward that homeland that God has prepared.

To the Church of Rome, a special greeting! We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms. Everyone, everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue and love.

And if you allow me a word, a greeting to everyone and especially to my dear Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, where a faithful people have accompanied their bishop, shared their faith and has given so much, so much to continue to be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

To all of you, brothers and sisters from Rome, from Italy, from all over the world, we want to be a synodal Church, a church that walks, a church that always seeks peace that always seeks charity that always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer.

Today is the day of Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace. **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

STATEMENT ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV

*The Very Reverend Justin P. Pino, VF
Dean – Elk & Cameron Counties
Pastor – Saint Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway*

It has been an astounding 121 years – 444,490 days to be exact – since the Roman Catholic Church prayed for **“Leo our Pope,”** especially during celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. That changed, surprisingly and very happily, on May 8, 2025. Since the death of the great champion of social justice and labor reform, Pope Leo XIII on July 20, 1903 at the age of 93, we have experienced the leadership, sacrifice, and blessed witness of great shepherds who served the Church as the Bishop of Rome, including saintly servants to God’s people – Pius X, John XXIII, John Paul II and Benedict XVI to name a few. On a bright and beautiful Roman evening, the Holy Spirit gave a significant and transforming gift to our Church – to our world – to the entire human family in the person of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV.

For the first time in nearly 2,000 years, the Successor of Saint Peter is a native of the United States of America! I honestly thought that day would never occur in my lifetime. Nevertheless, the Holy Spirit will never be outdone in both generosity and surprise! Our new Holy Father has already literally traversed the globe and ministered to the beautiful strata of persons, who make up our human family – all of us made through the creative love of God in His image and likeness at the very moment of conception.

His first words (though delivered in perfect Italian) from the balcony overlooking Saint Peter Square in the Vatican, after greeting all of us via the wonders of technology, the new Holy Father reminds us: **“Christ precedes us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge to allow it to be reached by God and by his love. Help us, too, and help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with meetings, uniting us all to be one people, always in peace.”** The whole world needs to stop – hear these words – and, walking with Pope Leo, enact them every day with every person they encounter. That was the call of the late Pope Francis. That is the clarion and current call of the former Robert Cardinal Prevost. That is the call of Jesus Christ Himself.

In particular, the parish community of Saint Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway, who has borne witness to and spread the good news of Jesus Christ in Elk County for the past 176 years, is tremendously grateful to God and filled with unbelievable joy that our new Holy Father has chosen his papal name after our patron. From now on when the Pope’s name is prayed during Mass, we here at Saint Leo will have share in the wonderful excitement of uniting ourselves to our new Chief Shepherd half way across the world. But being a native of the great city of Chicago – a graduate of Pennsylvania’s Villanova University – and the first Pope who certainly knows how a deep dish pizza tastes – already in these early moments of his pontificate – Pope Leo XIV already feels so close to us, like one of our family.

The Church called upon the guidance, direction, inspiration, and power of the Holy Spirit to select for all of us a good shepherd after the heart of the Risen Lord. The Vicar of Christ on Earth – the new Servant of the Servants of God – His Holiness Pope Leo XIV is the answer to those prayers. May he live a long, blessed, and happy life. May he serve the Church, the world, and all people who made by and loved without condition by our Father in Heaven, for many many years to come!

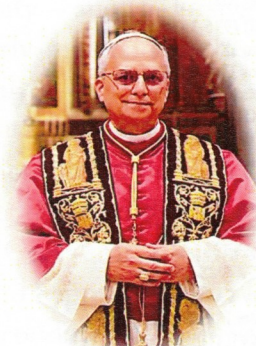
THE ROMANS PONTIFFS FROM 32 AD TO THE PRESENT



St. Peter (32-67)	Honorius I (625-38)	John XVIII (1003-09)	Innocent VIII (1484-92)
St. Linus (67-76)	Severinus (640)	Sergius IV (1009-12)	Alexander VI (1492-1503)
St. Anacletus (Cletus) (76-88)	John IV (640-42)	Benedict VIII (1012-24)	Pius III (1503)
St. Clement I (88-97)	Theodore I (642-49)	John XIX (1024-32)	Julius II (1503-13)
St. Evaristus (97-105)	St. Martin I (649-55)	Benedict IX (1032-45)	Leo X (1513-21)
St. Alexander I (105-115)	St. Eugene I (655-57)	Sylvester III (1045)	Adrian VI (1522-23)
St. Sixtus I (115-125)	St. Vitalian (657-72)	Benedict IX (1045)	Clement VII (1523-34)
-- also called Xystus I	Adeodatus (II) (672-76)	Gregory VI (1045-46)	Paul III (1534-49)
St. Telesphorus (125-136)	Donus (676-78)	Clement II (1046-47)	Julius III (1550-55)
St. Hyginus (136-140)	St. Agatho (678-81)	Benedict IX (1047-48)	Marcellus II (1555)
St. Pius I (140-155)	St. Leo II (682-83)	Damasus II (1048)	Paul IV (1555-59)
St. Anicetus (155-166)	St. Benedict II (684-85)	St. Leo IX (1049-54)	Pius IV (1559-65)
St. Soter (166-175)	John V (685-86)	Victor II (1055-57)	St. Pius V (1566-72)
St. Eleutherius (175-189)	Conon (686-87)	Stephen X (1057-58)	Gregory XIII (1572-85)
St. Victor I (189-199)	St. Sergius I (687-701)	Nicholas II (1058-61)	Sixtus V (1585-90)
St. Zephyrinus (199-217)	John VI (701-05)	Alexander II (1061-73)	Urban VII (1590)
St. Callistus I (217-22)	John VII (705-07)	St. Gregory VII (1073-85)	Gregory XIV (1590-91)
St. Urban I (222-30)	Sisinnius (708)	Blessed Victor III (1086-87)	Innocent IX (1591)
St. Pontian (230-35)	Constantine (708-15)	Blessed Urban II (1088-99)	Clement VIII (1592-1605)
St. Anterus (235-36)	St. Gregory II (715-31)	Paschal II (1099-1118)	Leo XI (1605)
St. Fabian (236-50)	St. Gregory III (731-41)	Gelasius II (1118-19)	Paul V (1605-21)
St. Cornelius (251-53)	St. Zachary (741-52)	Callistus II (1119-24)	Gregory XV (1621-23)
St. Lucius I (253-54)	Stephen II (752)	Honorius II (1124-30)	Urban VIII (1623-44)
St. Stephen I (254-257)	Stephen III (752-57)	Innocent II (1130-43)	Innocent X (1644-55)
St. Sixtus II (257-258)	St. Paul I (757-67)	Celestine II (1143-44)	Alexander VII (1655-67)
St. Dionysius (260-268)	Stephen IV (767-72)	Lucius II (1144-45)	Clement IX (1667-69)
St. Felix I (269-274)	Adrian I (772-95)	Blessed Eugene III (1145-53)	Clement X (1670-76)
St. Eutychian (275-283)	St. Leo III (795-816)	Anastasius IV (1153-54)	Blessed Innocent XI (1676-89)
St. Caius (283-296)	Stephen V (816-17)	Adrian IV (1154-59)	Alexander VIII (1689-91)
-- also called Gaius	St. Paschal I (817-24)	Alexander III (1159-81)	Innocent XII (1691-1700)
St. Marcellinus (296-304)	Eugene II (824-27)	Lucius III (1181-85)	Clement XI (1700-21)
St. Marcellus I (308-309)	Valentine (827)	Urban III (1185-87)	Innocent XIII (1721-24)
St. Eusebius (309 or 310)	Gregory IV (827-44)	Gregory VIII (1187)	Benedict XIII (1724-30)
St. Miltiades (311-14)	Sergius II (844-47)	Clement III (1187-91)	Clement XII (1730-40)
St. Sylvester I (314-35)	St. Leo IV (847-55)	Celestine III (1191-98)	Benedict XIV (1740-58)
St. Marcus (336)	Benedict III (855-58)	Innocent III (1198-1216)	Clement XIII (1758-69)
St. Julius I (337-52)	St. Nicholas I (the Great) (858-67)	Honorius III (1216-27)	Clement XIV (1769-74)
Liberius (352-66)	Adrian II (867-72)	Gregory IX (1227-41)	Pius VI (1775-99)
St. Damasus I (366-83)	John VIII (872-82)	Celestine IV (1241)	Pius VII (1800-23)
St. Siricius (384-99)	Marinus I (882-84)	Innocent IV (1243-54)	Leo XII (1823-29)
St. Anastasius I (399-401)	St. Adrian III (884-85)	Alexander IV (1254-61)	Pius VIII (1829-30)
St. Innocent I (401-17)	Stephen VI (885-91)	Urban IV (1261-64)	Gregory XVI (1831-46)
St. Zosimus (417-18)	Formosus (891-96)	Clement IV (1265-68)	Blessed Pius IX (1846-78)
St. Boniface I (418-22)	Boniface VI (896)	Blessed Gregory X (1271-76)	Leo XIII (1878-1903)
St. Celestine I (422-32)	Stephen VII (896-97)	Blessed Innocent V (1276)	St. Pius X (1903-14)
St. Sixtus III (432-40)	Romanus (897)	Adrian V (1276)	Benedict XV (1914-22)
St. Leo I (the Great) (440-61)	Theodore II (897)	John XXI (1276-77)	Pius XI (1922-39)
St. Hilarius (461-68)	John IX (898-900)	Nicholas III (1277-80)	Pius XII (1939-58)
St. Simplicius (468-83)	Benedict IV (900-03)	Martin IV (1281-85)	Blessed John XXIII (1958-63)
St. Felix III (II) (483-92)	Leo V (903)	Honorius IV (1285-87)	Paul VI (1963-78)
St. Gelasius I (492-96)	Sergius III (904-11)	Nicholas IV (1288-92)	John Paul I (1978)
Anastasius II (496-98)	Anastasius III (911-13)	St. Celestine V (1294)	St. John Paul II (1978-2005)
St. Symmachus (498-514)	Lando (913-14)	Boniface VIII (1294-1303)	Benedict XVI (2005-2013)
St. Hormisdas (514-23)	John X (914-28)	Blessed Benedict XI (1303-04)	
St. John I (523-26)	Leo VI (928)	Clement V (1305-14)	
St. Felix IV (III) (526-30)	Stephen VIII (929-31)	John XXII (1316-34)	
Boniface II (530-32)	John XI (931-35)	Benedict XII (1334-42)	
John II (533-35)	Leo VII (936-39)	Clement VI (1342-52)	
St. Agapetus I (535-36)	Stephen IX (939-42)	Innocent VI (1352-62)	
-- also called Agapitus I	Marinus II (942-46)	Blessed Urban V (1362-70)	
St. Silverius (536-37)	Agapetus II (946-55)	Gregory XI (1370-78)	
Vigilius (537-55)	John XII (955-63)	Urban VI (1378-89)	
Pelagius I (556-61)	Leo VIII (963-64)	Boniface IX (1389-1404)	
John III (561-74)	Benedict V (964)	Innocent VII (1404-06)	
Benedict I (575-79)	John XIII (965-72)	Gregory XII (1406-15)	
Pelagius II (579-90)	Benedict VI (973-74)	Martin V (1417-31)	
St. Gregory I (the Great) (590-604)	Benedict VII (974-83)	Eugene IV (1431-47)	
Sabinian (604-606)	John XIV (983-84)	Nicholas V (1447-55)	
Boniface III (607)	John XV (985-96)	Callistus III (1455-58)	
St. Boniface IV (608-15)	Gregory V (996-99)	Pius II (1458-64)	
St. Deusdedit (Adeodatus II) (615-18)	Sylvester II (999-1003)	Paul II (1464-71)	
Boniface V (619-25)	John XVII (1003)	Sixtus IV (1471-84)	

*And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock
I will build my church,
and the powers of death
shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16:18*

THE LEGACY & SUCCESSORS OF SAINT POPE LEO MAGNUS





Saint Leo I

Born: 400 + Died: 10 November 461 + Elected 45th Pope on 29 September 440

Saint Leo II

Born: 1 January 611 + Died: 28 June 683 + Elected 80th Pope on 17 August 682

Saint Leo III

Born: unknown + Died: 12 June 816 + Elected 96th Pope on 26 December 795

Saint Leo IV

Born: unknown + Died: 17 July 855 + Elected 103rd Pope on 10 April 847

Leo V

Born: unknown + Died: 904 + Elected 118th Pope in 903

Leo VI

Born: 880 + Died: February 929 + Elected 123rd Pope on 28 May 938

Leo VII

Born: unknown + Died: 13 July 939 + Elected 126th Pope on 3 January 936

Leo VIII

Born: 915 + Died: 1 March 965 + Elected 132nd Pope on 23 June 964

Saint Leo IX (Bruno von Egisheim-Dagsburg)

Born: 21 June 1002 + Died: 19 April 1054 + Elected 152nd Pope on 12 February 1049

Leo X (Giovanni di Lorenzo de' Medici)

Born: 11 December 1475 + Died: 1 December 1521 + Elected 217th Pope on 9 Mar. 1513

Leo XI (Alessandro di Ottaviano de' Medici)

Born: 2 June 1535 + 27 April 1605 + Elected 232nd Pope on 1 April 1605

Leo XII (Annibale Francesco Clemente Melchiorre Girolamo Nicola dell Genga)

Born: 2 August 1750 + Died: 10 February 1829 + Elected 252nd Pope on 28 Sept. 1823

Leo XIII (Gioacchino Vincenzo Raffaele Luigi Pecci)

Born: 2 March 1810 + 20 July 1903 + Elected 256th Pope on 20 February 1878

Leo XIV (Robert Francis Prevost)

Born: 14 September 1955 + Elected 267th Pope on 8 May 2025



✚ *Saint Peter* ✚

Prince of the Apostles and First Bishop of Rome

- ~ pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV
- ~ pray for the Universal Church and the entire World
- ~ pray for us here and everywhere