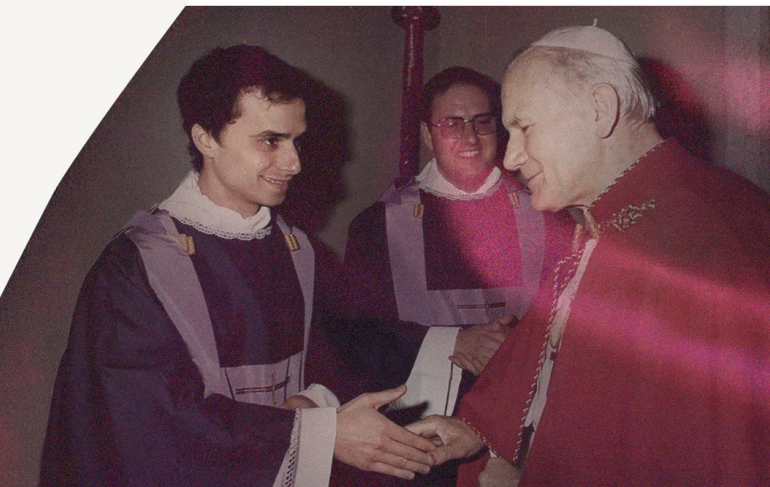
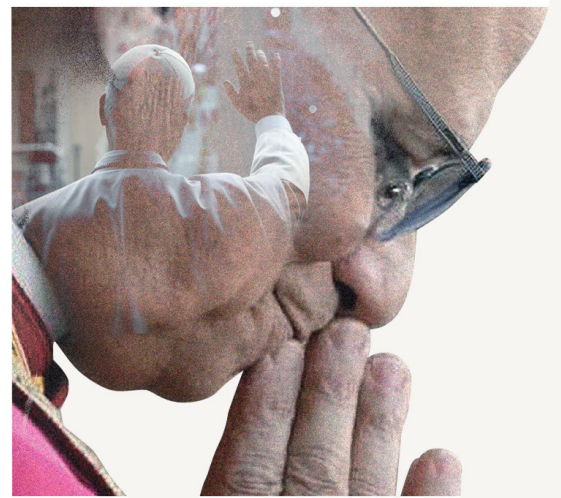


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POPE LEO XIV



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Our New Holy Father: Pope Leo XIV

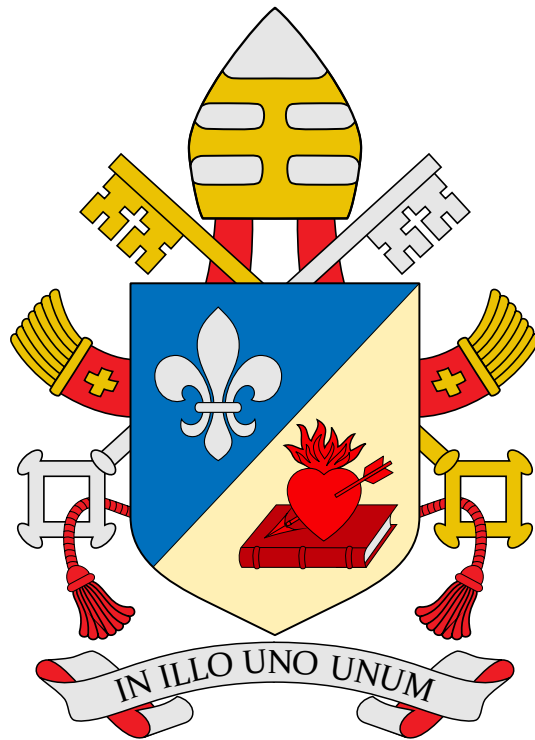
On May 8, 2025, the Church joyfully welcomed Pope Leo XIV as the 267th successor of St. Peter. Formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, OSA, he succeeds Pope Francis and brings with him a deep pastoral heart, missionary experience, and a lifelong commitment to listening, dialogue, and communion.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, and a naturalized citizen of Peru, Pope Leo XIV is the first pope born in North America, the first from the Order of Saint Augustine, and the second from the Americas after Pope Francis. His early priesthood was spent among the people of Peru, serving in remote parishes, teaching in seminaries, and accompanying the faithful through decades of pastoral ministry. He later led the Augustinian order worldwide and was most recently appointed by Pope Francis to oversee the Church's bishops and its work in Latin America.

In choosing the name Leo, he honors Pope Leo XIII, known for advancing Catholic social teaching—a sign of his deep concern for justice, human dignity, and care for the poor.

Since his election, Pope Leo XIV has spoken of a Church that walks together—rooted in prayer, open to the Holy Spirit, and present to the joys and struggles of the world. He has emphasized the importance of unity, synodality, and missionary outreach, and has called us all to be a listening Church, especially attentive to those on the margins.

As we enter this new chapter, we ask the Holy Spirit to bless Pope Leo XIV with wisdom and strength. May we remain united in prayer with him and with one another, as we continue our journey as one Church.



The Coat of Arms and Motto of Pope Leo XIV: A Symbol of Unity and Augustinian Faith

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a powerful reflection of his Augustinian heritage and the values that will shape his pontificate—especially unity, communion, and a deep love for God's Word.

The shield is divided diagonally into two fields. The upper half, on a blue background, features a fleur-de-lis, a stylized lily that traditionally represents purity and faith. The lower half shows a pierced heart resting on a closed book—a direct reference to St. Augustine's moment of conversion, when he cried out: "*Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo*"—"You have pierced my heart with Your Word."

At the base of his coat of arms is his chosen motto: "*In Illo uno unum*"—"In the One, we are one." The phrase is drawn from St. Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127, which teaches that though we are many, we are united in the one Christ.



The Life of **POPE LEO XIV**

- 267th Pontiff of the Catholic Church
- First American Pope
- Elected May 8, 2025

1955

Birth in Chicago, Illinois

Robert Francis Prevost is born in Chicago.

1970s – Early 1980s

Education and Early Religious Formation

- Earns a mathematics degree from Villanova University (PA).
- Studies theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.
- Joins the Order of St. Augustine.

1982

Ordination as a Priest

Ordained at age 27 in Rome after earning a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas.

1980s – 2000s

Missionary Work in Peru

- Serves in Trujillo, Peru as a missionary, parish priest, seminary director, and eventually bishop.
- Naturalized as a citizen of Peru.
- Known for humility and work with the poor and migrants.

2001 – 2013

Leadership in the Augustinian Order

Becomes prior general of the Order of St. Augustine, traveling globally to serve Augustinian communities.

2014

Appointed Apostolic Administrator

Named by Pope Francis to lead the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru.

2015

Consecrated as Bishop

Formally installed as bishop in Chiclayo, Peru.

2023

Elevated to Cardinal

On September 30, 2023, Pope Francis places the biretta on then-Archbishop Robert Francis Prevost in St. Peter's Square, elevating him to Cardinal while he served as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops.

2020s

Vatican Leadership

As Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, he oversaw the selection and management of bishops globally—one of the most powerful positions in the Roman Curia.

May 8, 2025

Elected Pope

- Elected by 133 cardinals as the 267th pope, succeeding Pope Francis.
- Takes the name Pope Leo XIV

First Words as Pope (May 8, 2025)

From the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, he greets the world with: "Peace be with you."



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PRAYER FOR
POPE LEO XIV



O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Leo,
whom you have set at the head
of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those
over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock
entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Download your personal
"Prayer for Pope Leo XIV"
digital prayer card for ***iPhone*** or ***Android***

EVENTS

Share With Your Community

Click items below for more information on each event.



Night of Hope with Blessed Carlo's Mother

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

THURSDAY, MAY 29



Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass

Special Projects and Events, Development Office

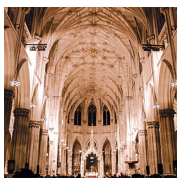
SUNDAY, JUNE 1



Misa del Día Cultural Puertorriqueño

Cultural Diversity Apostolate

SUNDAY, JUNE 1



Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4



Annual White Mass

ArchCare

THURSDAY, JUNE 5



Pentecost Vigil

Cultural Diversity Apostolate

SATURDAY, JUNE 7



Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora del Rocío

Cultural Diversity Apostolate

SUNDAY, JUNE 22



St. Therese of Lisieux on the Night of Faith and Dawn of Hope Symposium

St. Joseph's Seminary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

Prayer Cards

[Click here](#) to download digital prayer cards created by the Archdiocese of New York to nourish your spiritual life, with new cards uploaded monthly.

Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation

Instituto Pastoral Padre Félix Varela

Programa de formación para adultos que promueve la preparación de los católicos hispanos, y ayuda a la formación de líderes laicos para servir en nuestras parroquias y movimientos eclesiales. Clases disponibles en tres localidades. Llamen al número 646-794-3168 para más información o si está interesado de abrir una escuela para su comunidad.

Catholic Charities

Mental Health Awareness Month / Parish Counseling Network

As we journey through Mental Health Awareness month, the Archdiocese of New York reaffirms its commitment to the wellbeing of every parishioner – not just spiritually, but emotionally and mentally as well.

In partnership with Catholic Charities of New York and Droste Mental Health Services, the Parish Counseling Network (PCN) offers short-term counseling to parishioners through licensed mental health professionals. Whether you are struggling with grief, stress, anxiety, family or relationship issues, or simply need someone to talk to, PCN is here to support you. Counseling is available for \$10 per session and sessions can be conducted in-person or virtually. We have providers with Spanish, French, Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Bulgarian, Croatian language abilities. The program serves as an extension of the Church's pastoral care.

If you or someone you know could benefit from talking to a professional, please don't hesitate to reach out. For more information or to request counseling services, visit drostemhservices.org/parish-counseling-network or call us at 866-926-7487.

Public Policy

Say No to Physician-Assisted Suicide Legislation in New York

Tragically, the New York State Assembly recently passed physician-assisted suicide legislation that would allow physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending a patient's life. Assisted suicide is dangerous for patients, caregivers, and vulnerable populations such as the elderly and people with disabilities. Suicide is not medical care.

Contact your Senator and the Governor today to voice your opposition to this dangerous and deadly practice: nyscatholic.org/action-center. This information is current as of publication. For the most up-to-date details, please visit bit.ly/publicpolicy-keyissues. Included below are resources that can be shared in your parish and community:

Take Action

View New York State Bishops' Statement

View 13 Reasons to Say No to Physician-Assisted Suicide

View Informational Flyer

INITIATIVES (cont.)

Building Momentum Together

Respect Life

Miscarriage Ministries and Resources

Though often a hidden grief, miscarriage can be an experience of deep suffering. It can be overwhelming to navigate and difficult to know where to turn. The Respect Life Office website offers ministries and resources that are available to help those who are grieving the loss of a child find healing and hope. Visit bit.ly/miscarriageministry for more information about the organization Red Bird Ministries, forms of accompaniment, ways to honor and pray for a child, burial options within Catholic cemeteries, recommended reading, and more.

[More info](#)

St. Joseph's Seminary and College

Summer Graduate Courses in Theology

Join St. Joseph's Seminary this summer for graduate courses in Theology. It's not too late to register!

[More info](#)

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

Parish Youth and Young Adult Nights

Our pastoral office is hosting parish youth and young adult nights for parishes interested in starting a new youth ministry (for middle and high schoolers) and/or young adult ministry (18-35 year olds).

[More info](#)

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leadership Formation

Our pastoral office is hosting youth ministry and young adult ministry leadership formation for young adults interested in growing in their Catholic faith and leadership.

[More info](#)

PARISH LIFE

Around the Archdiocese

Talk by Blessed Carlo Acutis' Mother at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Antonia Salzano Acutis, the mother of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis, will offer a talk to our youth, young adults and families after the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We invite all the faithful, young and old, youth, young adults, parents, and families of all of our parishes to join us! No RSVP necessary.

St. Patrick's Cathedral | Fifth Ave., New York, NY

THURSDAY, MAY 29 | 5:30 PM

Music of Hope Concert Series: Ivalas Quartet

Heart-lifting music to bring joy and hope to your heart. Admission: \$20/adult, \$10/seniors and youth. Tickets available in advance at givebutter.com/MusicofHope.

St. Frances Cabrini Shrine | 701 Fort Washington Ave., New York, NY

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 | 5:30 PM

Evenings of Hope: Lazarus

Join Ascension Catholic Church in celebrating 130 years of parish history with *Evenings of Hope*, a speaker series inspired by the Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims of Hope*. Fr. James Martin will speak on Lazarus. This event is free and all are welcome to attend. There will be a meet-and-greet with light refreshments in the rectory dining room following each presentation.

Church of the Ascension | 221 W. 107th St., between Broadway and Amsterdam, New York, NY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 | 7:30 PM

Italian Mass for the Feast of St. Anthony

After Mass, enjoy light refreshments: a glass of wine or a cup of coffee or espresso. Enjoy the Italian “dolci” lovingly baked by some of our faithful Italian parishioners. Mario Tacca and his musicians will be making music to get you up to dance a Tarantella or two. Don't miss this special event as we celebrate St. Anthony! For more information, call 914-737-8872.

Assumption Church | 920 First St., Peekskill, NY

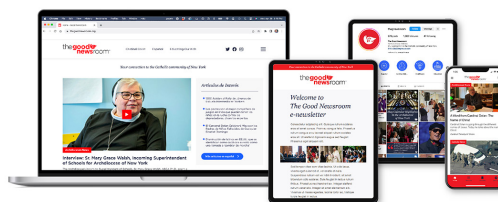
FRIDAY, JUNE 13 | 7:00 PM

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Jubilee 2025: Celebrating Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly

MAY 30 – JUNE 1, 2025

Let this Jubilee be a celebration of the love that begins at home—and extends to the whole Church.

This special Jubilee celebration invites the faithful to recognize and honor the gift of family across generations. From the laughter of children to the wisdom of grandparents, the Church gives thanks for the witness of love, faith, and resilience that families bring to the world.

A Time of Joy, Gratitude, and Hope

Every family is a sign of God's enduring promise. Despite challenges, families live out the Gospel in daily acts of love and service. This Jubilee is a moment to affirm that calling and walk together in hope.

Celebrate in Your Parish or Community

Ideas for Parishes and Schools

- Offer a blessing for families during Masses May 31–June 1
- Host a parish family festival or intergenerational reception
- Invite children and grandparents to participate in the liturgy

Ideas for Diocesan and Local Events

- Organize a local pilgrimage to a cathedral or religious site
- Host prayer services, adoration, or family-centered devotions
- Share stories of faith-filled families on social media or in newsletters

At Home

- Set aside time for prayer as a family
- Reflect on the ways each family member brings hope
- Reach out to elderly neighbors or relatives with a call or visit



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RESOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION

Find prayers, saint stories, liturgical suggestions, and more at:
archny.org/jubilee2025 | usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025



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From Resurrection to Pentecost This is Easter Season

WEEK 1

The Resurrection Changes Everything

He is Risen! The 50 days of Easter begin with the joy of the Resurrection. This season is not just one day—it's a journey of celebration, transformation, and new life. Just as Lent prepares us through sacrifice, Easter Season invites us into abundant joy and renewal. Alleluia!

WEEK 2

Divine Mercy and New Life

The second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday—a reminder that Christ's Resurrection brings not only new life, but unlimited mercy. In these 50 days, we are called to live in the light of that mercy and share it with others.

WEEK 3

Walking with the Risen Christ

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too are walking with Jesus—even when we don't recognize Him. These weeks help us grow in awareness that Christ is alive and present, especially in the Word and the Eucharist.

WEEK 4

The Good Shepherd Leads Us

In Week 4, we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd—who lays down His life and leads us to eternal life. Easter is not just about joy; it's about trust in the One who guides, protects, and knows us by name.

WEEK 5

Living the New Commandment

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." In this season, we are challenged to live the Resurrection by living radical love—within our homes, communities, and Church. Easter joy is meant to overflow into action.

WEEK 6

A Promise of the Spirit

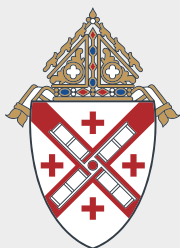
As the season progresses, we hear Jesus speak of the Holy Spirit. These days are a time of expectation—preparing us for Pentecost. The Risen Christ doesn't just leave us with hope; He promises us the power to live it out.

WEEK 7

Waiting for Pentecost

The final week of Easter is one of anticipation and prayer, just as the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room. The season began with the empty tomb and ends with hearts ready to be filled by the Holy Spirit. The Church is being readied to go out into the world.

For more information about Easter Season, visit archny.org/seasonofgrace/easter



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