

Meet POPE LEO XIV!

Born: **September 14, 1955**

Ordained Priest: **June 19, 1982**

Appointed Cardinal by Pope Francis:
September 30, 2023

Elected Pope: **May 8, 2025**

A Brief Introduction

On May 8, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., was elected the 267th pope, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

Pope Leo was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. Before his election as pope, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost served for over two decades in Peru. In 2014, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as Apostolic Administrator of Callao. As a member of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.), he brings to the papacy decades of experience in missionary service, especially among the poor, marginalized, and migrants. He has been an advocate for ecclesial reform and deeper dialogue within the global Church.

He served as Prior General of the Augustinians from 2001 to 2013. Before becoming a bishop, he worked in Peru as a seminary professor, judicial vicar, parish pastor, and diocesan official. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis on September 30, 2023. His prior roles include serving as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops from 2023 to 2025, where he played a key role in shaping episcopal leadership worldwide.



Pope Leo's First Steps as Pontiff: What to Expect from the Early Days of His Papacy

His First Words: **The *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing**

Pope Leo XIV delivered his first address from St. Peter's Basilica, known as the *Urbi et Orbi* ("to the city and to the world") blessing. The first words of this short, prayerful message, which he gave from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica following the "*Habemus Papam!*" announcement, were "Peace be with all of you!" He continued by saying, "The world needs Christ's light. Humanity needs him to be the bridge so that God and his love can reach us."

These remarks set a tone of hope, reconciliation, and a focus on Christ as the source of unity and peace for humanity. Pope Leo XIV's initial address was resonant, highlighting both a blessing for all and the essential role of faith in bridging divisions and bringing God's love to the world.

His First Public Mass: **The Inauguration**

Within a week, and likely on Sunday, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Mass of Inauguration in St. Peter's Square, marking the formal start of his ministry. This Liturgy, attended by thousands, includes the bestowal of the Fisherman's Ring and pallium (symbols of papal authority). A private Mass with the cardinals in the Sistine Chapel often precedes it.



TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

Deacon Andrew Messer was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 17, 2025.
Meet the newest transitional deacon of the Diocese of Toledo!



Deacon Andrew Messer

My name is Andrew Messer, and my home parish is St. Joan of Arc in Toledo. I grew up with the sacraments, but I did not go to church regularly until my first year in college at the University of Toledo. I went to Springfield Local Schools throughout grade school and high school, where I learned to love science and running. Studying Physics with a concentration in Astrophysics at Toledo, I came to a profound understanding of God as the creator of the universe and I wanted to give my life completely over to Him after reading through the Gospels for the first time. If I was going to dedicate my life to the stars, why not go deeper still and hand it over to the maker of it all? My faith journey after high school was also marked by a series of tragedies that I consider essential to my strong faith and trust in the Lord. I owe my faith and my vocation in large part to my Grandma, Joan Schmenk, who took me to church during the last year of her life at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. After exploring other possible vocations throughout college, I formally considered a vocation after having a conversation with my priest, Fr. Phil Smith, after he became a vocation director and encouraged me to pray about it.

The community at Toledo truly gave me this firm identity, and serving Mass for the nearby Sisters of the Visitation in Toledo taught me what I know about my spiritual life. Learning how to be gentle with myself and humble before God, I found my true devotion to Mary and to the Sacred Heart at this time. I was first sent to study at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit for my first two years in the seminary. After this, I was asked to study at the North American College in Rome, where I have been since then. Life with Jesus is a great adventure! And He doesn't stop forming us. Through everything that we experience in this messy life, I know He is in charge and always forming my heart to be more like His. As I approach ordination to the Order of Deacons, I ask for your prayers and specifically that I be more and more a man after His own Heart.

Please keep our newest transitional deacon and all seminarians in your prayers!

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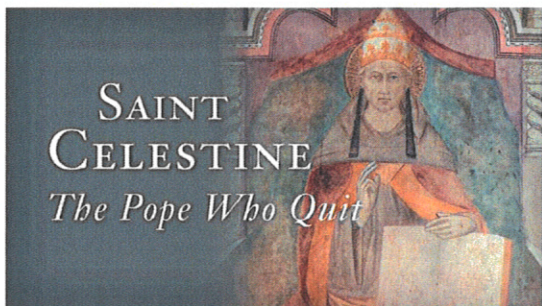
<https://www.heartbeattoledo.org/donate-now/> or by hovering your camera over the QR code listed below. Envelopes will also be provided for your convenience as well if you choose to give cash or check donations. Our church's campaign for Heartbeat of Toledo will begin the weekend of **May 11 and end the weekend of May 25, 2025.**

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This Week on Formed

Week of May 18, 2025



Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.



Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



The Pope | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.

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