



# Archdiocese of Winnipeg

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Dear Friends,

It is with immense joy and a profound sense of hope that I congratulate His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, as the 267th Bishop of Rome and successor to Saint Peter.

Born in Chicago, USA, in 1955, Pope Leo XIV was ordained a priest of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in 1981. Since then, he has served in various roles, including Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, from 2015 to 2023. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Pope Leo XIV assumes the Chair of Peter at a critical moment in the history of our Church and our world. His experience, humility, and missionary heart will serve him well as he leads us in faith, unity, and love.

As Archbishop of Winnipeg, I offer my wholehearted support and prayers for Pope Leo XIV as he embarks on this sacred ministry. May his leadership strengthen the bonds of communion within our Church, promote dialogue and reconciliation among all people, and inspire us to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ more fully in our daily lives.

I urge all the faithful here to join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV. Let us pray that he may be granted abundant health, strength, and the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in his service to the universal Church. May his pontificate be a time of great renewal, peace, and grace for all.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain  
Archbishop of Winnipeg