

Pope Leo XIV: Peacemaker and openness in his historic name

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Pope Leo XIV's choice of the name "Leo" reflects a connection to Pope Leo XIII, known for

advocating papal primacy, promoting peace, and highlighting workers' dignity. Pope Leo XIII also embraced Mary as mediatrix.

First American pope elected, taking the name Leo XIV

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Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, a Chicago-born North American, was elected the 267th pope May 8, taking the name Pope Leo XIV. He is the first North American to be elected pope. Pope Leo XIV emphasized the importance of building bridges and dialogue, serving the Church with humility and compassion.

First American pope, Chicago native takes

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Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, was appointed prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops by Pope Francis in 2022. As the first North American and Peruvian pope, he focused on promoting church unity and deterring clericalism.

How the conclave works: A rule book and a prayer book

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The conclave to elect a new pope will commence with a public Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by the cardinals taking an oath to observe the election rules. Ballots will be cast until a candidate secures two-thirds of the votes.

In newly released video, pope offers wise advice

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Pope Francis recorded a video message in January urging young people to learn to listen to others, which was released on YouTube after his death April 27.

Poor, powerful pray for eternal repose of

Pope Francis

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Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re presided over the funeral Mass of Pope Francis, who was remembered as “a pope among the people, with an open heart toward everyone.” Approximately 200,000 mourners gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the ceremony.

Papal trivia: The first and lasts of papal elections of the past

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Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI were among 18 churchmen elected between ages 71 and 80. Pope Benedict was the first pope to resign in nearly 600 years.

Conclave to elect next pope will begin on Wednesday, May 7

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The Vatican announced the conclave to elect the next pope will commence May 7. Cardinals will first celebrate the “Mass for the Election of the Roman Pontiff” in St. Peter’s Basilica before proceeding to the Sistine Chapel.

U.S. cardinal to play key role until a new pope is elected

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Following the death of Pope Francis on April 21, U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell assumed the role of chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church, tasked with managing the Church's day-to-day operations and organizing the papal election.

Special Church terms used during papal transitions

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Cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to participate in a conclave to elect a new pope. During the interregnum, the camerlengo, assisted by three other cardinals chosen by lot, manages the daily affairs of the Holy See.