



Statement of the Diocese of Reno
On the Election of Cardinal Robert Prevost

As Pope Leo XIV

"White Smoke of Joy and Thanksgiving"

RENO (MAY 8, 2025) - On May 8, 2025, the College of Cardinals elected Cardinal Robert Prevost, who has taken the name Pope Leo XIV, as the next Pope of the Catholic Church.

Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg gives thanks to Almighty God and invites all Catholics with people of good will to rejoice in this moment and pray for our new Pope.

Statement from Bishop Mueggenborg:

"These have been tumultuous weeks in which we only recently laid to rest Pope Francis, whose tomb I visited just last week in Rome. Now that sadness has been turned into joy as we welcome the 267th Successor of Saint Peter, Vicar of Christ, and The Servant of the Servants of God, Pope Leo XIV. I look forward to working with our new Holy Father in a loving spirit of fraternal collaboration and pledge him my obedience and readiness to assist him in any way I can. I will be in Rome this October and will personally extend to him the greetings of the Church in northern Nevada while assuring him of our constant prayers and unwavering support for his office and ministry."

Bishop Mueggenborg will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:10 pm on Friday, May 9, 2025 at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in downtown Reno. All are invited to join in this celebration as we pray for the new Pope.

For updates from the Diocese of Reno, please visit HighDesertCatholic.org in the coming days.

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