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## Pope Leo XIV



*Leo P.P. XIV*





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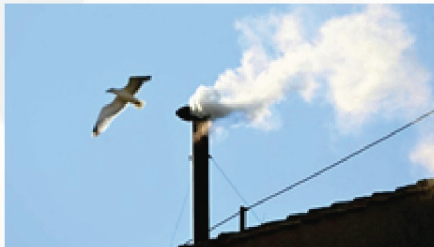
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## HABEMUS PAPAM



I announce to you a great joy:

**WE HAVE A POPE**

The Most Eminent and Most Reverend Lord  
Robert Francis Prevost  
Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church  
who has taken the name Leo XIV



*Leone PP. XIV*

*8 maggio 2025*

### FROM PRIEST TO POPE IN ONE DECADE

10 years ago, Robert Francis Prevost, OSA, was a simple priest laboring in a difficult mission in Peru.  
10 years later he is the Pope!



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## Pope Leo XIV Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.

Parents	Father Louis, an educator, and Mother Mildred, a librarian
Siblings	Two Elder brothers - Louis and John
Birth Place	Chicago, IL, Archdiocese of <a href="#">Chicago</a> , Illinois, <a href="#">USA</a>
Ordained Priest	Santa Monica College (Augustinian), Roma, Diocese of <a href="#">Roma {Rome}</a>
Ordained Bishop	Santa Maria, Cathedral, Chiclayo, Diocese of <a href="#">Chiclayo</a> , <a href="#">Peru</a>

Date	Age	Event	Title
<a href="#">14 Sep 1955</a>		Born	
<a href="#">1 Sep 1977</a>	21.9	Entered	Member of <a href="#">Order of St. Augustine</a>
<a href="#">2 Sep 1978</a>	22.9	First Vows	Member of <a href="#">Order of St. Augustine</a>
<a href="#">29 Aug 1981</a>	25.9	Solemn Vows	Member of <a href="#">Order of St. Augustine</a>
<a href="#">19 Jun 1982</a>	26.7	Ordained Priest	Priest of <a href="#">Order of St. Augustine</a>
<a href="#">14 Sep 2001</a>	46.0	Appointed	Superior General of <a href="#">Order of St. Augustine</a>
<a href="#">4 Sep 2013</a>	57.9	Ceased	Superior General of <a href="#">Order of St. Augustine</a>
<a href="#">3 Nov 2014</a>	59.1	Appointed	Apostolic Administrator of <a href="#">Chiclayo</a> , <a href="#">Peru</a>
<a href="#">3 Nov 2014</a>	59.1	Appointed	Titular Bishop of <a href="#">Sufar</a>
<a href="#">7 Nov 2014</a>	59.1	Installed	Apostolic Administrator of <a href="#">Chiclayo</a> , <a href="#">Peru</a>
<a href="#">12 Dec 2014</a>	59.2	Ordained Bishop	Titular Bishop of <a href="#">Sufar</a>
<a href="#">26 Sep 2015</a>	60.0	Appointed	Bishop of <a href="#">Chiclayo</a> , <a href="#">Peru</a>
<a href="#">15 Apr 2020</a>	64.5	Appointed	Apostolic Administrator of <a href="#">Callao</a> , <a href="#">Peru</a>
<a href="#">26 May 2021</a>	65.6	Ceased	Apostolic Administrator of <a href="#">Callao</a> , <a href="#">Peru</a>
<a href="#">30 Jan 2023</a>	67.3	Appointed	Prefect of the Dicastery for <a href="#">Bishops</a>
<a href="#">30 Jan 2023</a>	67.3	Appointed	President of the Pontifical Commission for <a href="#">Latin America</a>
<a href="#">30 Jan 2023</a>	67.3	Appointed	Archbishop (Personal Title)
<a href="#">12 Apr 2023</a>	67.5	Installed	Prefect of the Dicastery for <a href="#">Bishops</a>
<a href="#">12 Apr 2023</a>	67.5	Installed	President of the Pontifical Commission for <a href="#">Latin America</a>
<a href="#">30 Sep 2023</a>	68.0	Elevated to Cardinal	
<a href="#">30 Sep 2023</a>	68.0	Appointed	Cardinal-Deacon of <a href="#">Santa Monica</a>
<a href="#">28 Jan 2024</a>	68.3	Installed	Cardinal-Deacon of <a href="#">Santa Monica</a>
<a href="#">6 Feb 2025</a>	69.3	Appointed	Cardinal-Bishop of <a href="#">Albano</a>
<a href="#">21 Apr 2025</a>	69.6	Ceased	Prefect of the Dicastery for <a href="#">Bishops</a>
<a href="#">8 May 2025</a>	69.6	Elected	Pope ( <a href="#">Roma {Rome}</a> , <a href="#">Italy</a> )
<a href="#">8 May 2025</a>	69.6	Appointed	Prefect of the Dicastery for <a href="#">Evangelization</a>
<a href="#">18 May 2025</a>	69.6	Installed	Pope ( <a href="#">Roma {Rome}</a> , <a href="#">Italy</a> )



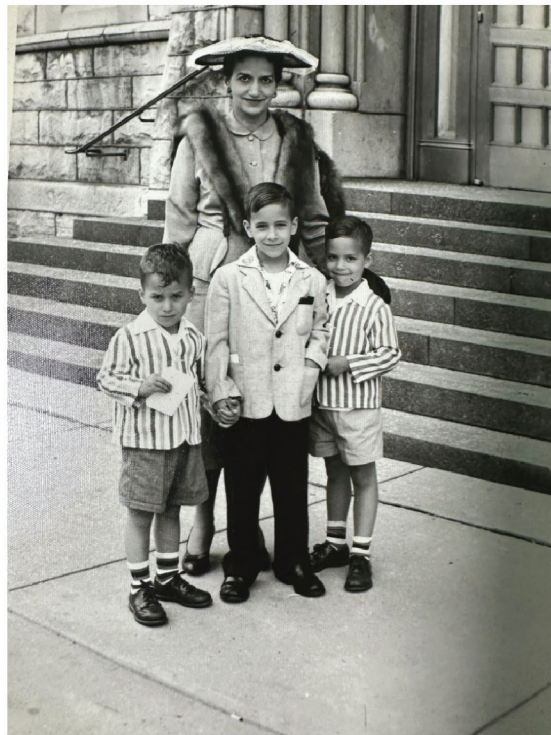


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## POPE LEO'S LIFE IN PICTURES



*MOTTO*  
**IN THE ONE,  
WE ARE ONE**



Robert Prevost was born in Chicago on September 14, 1955.  
He's seen here on the left with his mother, Mildred, and his brothers John and Louis.





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Robert Prevost is standing, fourth from left, in this classroom photo from St. Mary's School of the Assumption in Chicago in 1962.



Fr. Robert Prevost blesses his mother after being ordained as a priest.



Fr. Robert Prevost earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Villanova University in Pennsylvania and went on to receive his diploma in theology from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. He was eventually sent to Rome to study canon law. Later in his career, he taught canon law in the seminary in Trujillo, Peru.



Fr. Robert Prevost poses for a photo with his niece in this undated photo.

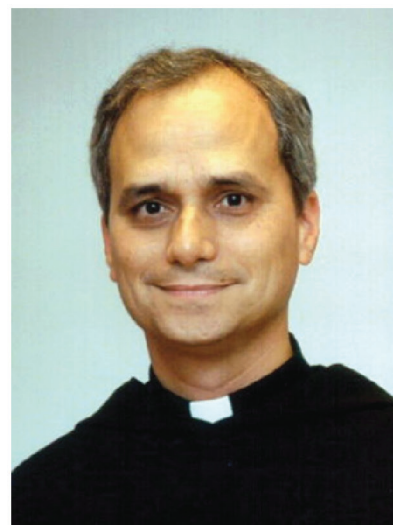




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Fr. Robert Prevost, seen here in this undated picture with Pope John Paul II, was ordained as a priest in June 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica. In the years following his ordination, He spent time in Chulucanas, in Peru's Piura region, and Olympia Fields, Illinois, before joining the mission in Trujillo, Peru.



An undated portrait of Fr. Robert Prevost, the first pope from the Order of St. Augustine.



Fr. Robert Prevost, left, in Piura, Peru, where he served his early priesthood in 1986.



Fr. Robert Prevost meets with Pope Benedict XVI in this undated photo.





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Bishop Robert Prevost spent many years as a missionary in South America. “I still consider myself a missionary. My vocation, like that of every Christian, is to be a missionary, to proclaim the Gospel wherever one is,” he said in 2023, shortly after assuming a leadership position in Rome.



Bishop Robert Prevost embraces Pope Francis, the man he would eventually succeed, during a meeting Francis held with Augustinian priests in Rome in August 2013.



Bishop Robert Prevost sits next to Pope Francis during their meeting in August 2013.



Bishop Robert Prevost preaches during a Corpus Christi celebration in Chiclayo, Peru, in June 2015.





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Bishop Robert Prevost in Chiclayo, Peru, in 2015. He obtained Peruvian citizenship in August of that year.



Bishop Robert Prevost blesses a woman during a Mass in Motupe, Peru, in 2020.



Bishop Robert Prevost blesses a member of the clergy during a Mass in Chiclayo in 2021.



Bishop Robert Prevost arrives at St. Peter's Square for his appointment as Cardinal in 2023. At right is Claudio Gugerotti, the prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, who was also made a Cardinal that day.





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Pope Francis appoints Bishop Robert Prevost a Cardinal at St. Peter's Square in 2023.



Cardinal Robert Prevost attends an event in New Lenox, Illinois, in 2024.



Cardinal Robert Prevost leads an anniversary celebration of the diocese in Chulucanas, Peru, in 2024.



Cardinal Robert Prevost, center, poses with Augustinian priests, from left, Tom McCarthy, Bernie Scianna, Anthony B. Pizzo and Jack Tierney.





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Pope Francis greets Cardinal Robert Prevost during a Mass at St. Peter's Square in February 2025.



Cardinal Robert Prevost leads the recitation of the Holy Rosary for Pope Francis' health during Francis' extended stay in the hospital in March 2025.



This undated photo shows Cardinal Robert Prevost during his time as bishop of Chiclayo, Peru. During his tenure, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference and served as president of its Commission for Culture and Education.



Cardinal Robert Prevost, third from right, poses with members of the clergy in Chulucanas, Peru, in 2024.





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Cardinal Robert Prevost attends the funeral of Pope Francis in April 2025.



Pope Leo makes his first appearance as Pope on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in May 2025.



The day after his election, Pope Leo concelebrates Mass with the College of Cardinals inside the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.



Pope Leo leaves the Sistine Chapel after concelebrating Mass.



Pope Leo leads his first Sunday blessing from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in May 2025.





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## POPES NAMED LEO – FULL LIST OF 14 POPES



**Leo I (St.) (#45)**  
(the Great) (440 – 461)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Italy



**Leo II (St.) (#80)**  
(682 – 683)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Sicily, Italy



**Leo III (St.) (#96)**  
(795 – 816)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Rome, Italy



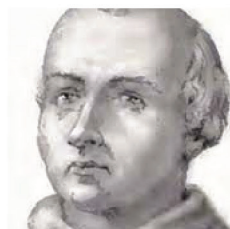
**Leo IV (St.) (#103)**  
(847 – 855)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Rome, Italy



**Leo V (#118)**  
(903 – 904)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Ardea, Italy



**Leo VI (#123)**  
(928)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Rome, Italy



**Leo VII (#126)**  
(936 – 939)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Rome, Italy



**Leo VIII (#131)**  
(963 – 964)

Original Name - Leo  
Origin - Rome, Italy



**Leo IX (St.) (#152)**  
(1049 – 1054)

Original Name - Bruno of  
Egisheim - Dagsburg  
Origin - Alsace, France



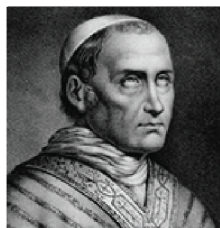
**Leo X (#217) (1513 – 1521)**

Original Name - Giovanni di  
Lorenzo de' Medici  
Origin - Florence, Italy



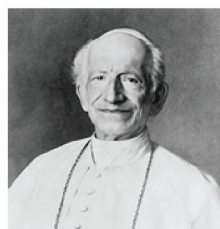
**Leo XI (#232) (1605)**

Original Name - Alessandro  
Ottaviano de' Medici  
Origin - Florence, Italy



**Leo XII (#252) (1823 – 1829)**

Original Name - Annibale Fran-  
cesco Clemente Melchiorre Girol-  
amo Nicola della Genga  
Origin - Italy



**Leo XIII (#256) (1878 – 1903)**

Original Name - Vincenzo  
Gioacchino Raffaele Luigi Pecci  
Origin - Italy



**Leo XIV (#267) (2025 – )**

Original Name - Robert Francis  
Prevost  
Origin - Chicago, USA





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# POPE LEO XIV

" Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.

And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something:

God doesn't shout. God whispers.

And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith.

I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything.

I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.

That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies...

come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers.

He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you...

are one of them."



*Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)*

GOD BLESS OUR POPE, GOD BLESS OUR POPE,  
GOD BLESS OUR POPE, THE GREAT, THE GOOD!