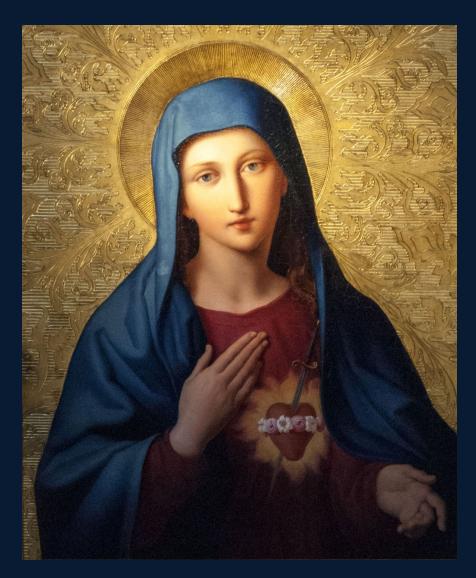
# Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

#### The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**



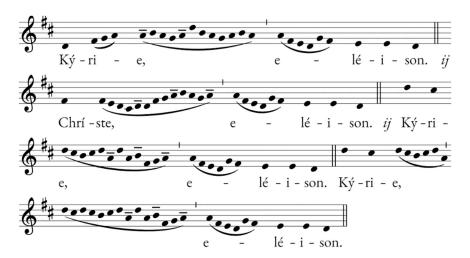
Text: Surrexit Christus hodie, 14th c. Latin; Tr. Charles Wesley. Melody: LLANFAIR, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Robert Williams.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

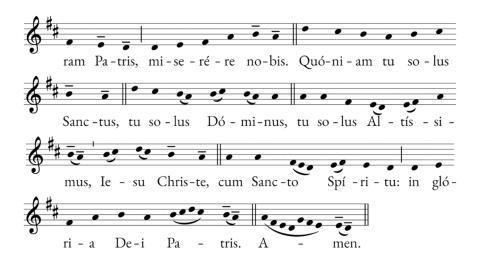
#### PENITENITAL ACT

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking breast three times) through my

fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.







#### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

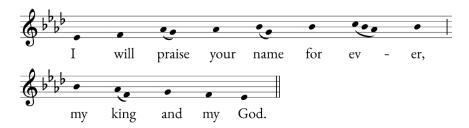
#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.

After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.

SECOND READING Revelation 21: 1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always

be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you,

so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **HOMILY**

#### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*(bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

(rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the

third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; Cry out with joy to God, all the earth! O sing to the glory of his name. Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul, alleluia.



Text: William J. Irons. Melody: HYMN TO JOY, 8.7.8.7 D; Ludwig van Beethoven.

Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

Sing to the Lord a new canticle: let his praise be in the church of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

#### **ORATE FRATRES**

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(sung) We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

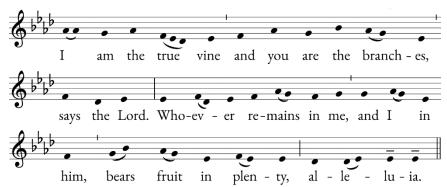
(sung) Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

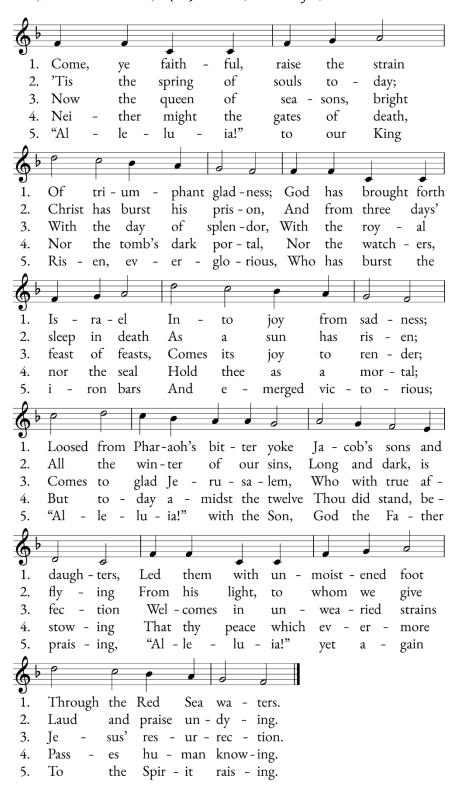
#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (all) ...... cf. John 15: 1, 5





Text: St. John of Damascus; Tr. John M. Neale. Melody: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, 7.6.7.6 D; Jan Roh.

#### COMMUNION MOTET (10:00 Mass): (schola & choristers) "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" ....... Shephard

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night; Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day...

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries

to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **CONCLUDING RITES**

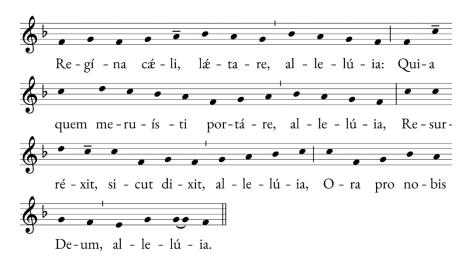
#### **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

#### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O

Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HYMN: (all) "Regina Caeli"



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18, 2025



This Sunday's readings couldn't be more fitting for the joyful occasion we will celebrate later Sunday afternoon—the Confirmation of our young people, who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and fully initiated into the Church. To our confirmandi and their families: today is more than a milestone. It is a moment of transformation, and God is at the center of it, making all things new.

In the second reading from Revelation, we hear one of the most hope-filled lines in all of Scripture: "Behold, I make all things new." This isn't just about the far-off future or some abstract heavenly vision. It's about right now. In the lives of these young men and women, in the hearts of their parents and sponsors, and in the Church gathered in prayer—we are witnessing the renewing work of God. Confirmation is not graduation. It's the beginning of something new. A deeper calling. A clearer mission. A stronger bond with Christ and His Church.

The first reading from Acts gives us a glimpse into the early Church, where Paul and Barnabas journey from town to town proclaiming the Good News. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and encouraged them to persevere through trials. This, too, is the role of the Holy Spirit: to give courage when things are hard, to guide when the path

seems unclear, and to remind us that we do not walk alone. The same Spirit that emboldened the apostles now rests upon our confirmandi. You are not spectators in the life of the Church—you are participants, co-builders of the Kingdom.

# A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared Auclair

And how do we build this Kingdom? Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." It's a love that is sacrificial, forgiving, and never self-centered. It's a love that sees Christ in others. To the students preparing for Confirmation: this is your lifelong mission. Not just to "be nice," but to love like Christ. To forgive when it's hard. To stand up for what is right. To bring peace where there is conflict. This is how people will know you are His disciples.

Parents, grandparents, and sponsors—thank you for your faithful witness. Your prayers, your encouragement, and



your own love of the Church have helped shape these young people. Keep walking with them. Keep praying for them. And remind them, by your own example, what it means to live a Spirit-filled life.

To our confirmandi: you are a new creation. God is making you new today through His Spirit. Let your life shine with faith, hope, and love. The Church needs you. The world needs you. And we are so proud of you.

Come, Holy Spirit. Make all things new. Amen.

— Deacon Jared

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. May 17, 9 a.m. Jose Dinis Fontes
Sat. May 17, 4 p.m. Private Intention

Sun. May 18, 8 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

Sun. May 18, 10 a.m. Alexandria and Abilio Fernandes

Mario Melo

Lucindia and Manuel Melo Deodato and Aldora Serpa

Wed. May 21, 9 a.m. Robert Mitchell

Thurs. May 22, 9 a.m. Alice Josephine and Louis Lazo

Fri. May 23, 9 a.m. Teresa and Al Ilgunas (living)

Sat. May 24, 9 a.m. No Intention

Sat. May 24, 4 p.m. Jose Figueiredo

Pauline Sullivan and her son Kenneth

Sullivan

Leonilde and Nicolau Mota Tuck and Estelle Walsh

Sun. May 25, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. May 25, 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

#### **NEED TO BOOK A MASS INTENTION?**

We will be taking Mass Intentions for the second half of 2025 starting on **Thursday, May 29th.** Please call the Parish Office if you would like to book a Mass for someone. The stipend for Masses is \$10.

If you would like to sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please email or call Caroline at the parish office. Stipends for Altar Candles are \$50 and Bread & Wine are \$75.

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

# Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday Mass: Portuguese**

9:15 a.m. Chapel

11:30 a.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

# Daily Mass: English

Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass: Portuguese** 

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

#### **CONFESSION & ADORATION**

#### Mondays: 6 to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration (Portuguese/Brazilian)

**First Fridays, 6 to 7:00 p.m.** Adoration Only

Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Confession & Adoration

Confession available after most Masses on

request or by appointment

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#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

PastoralCouncil@stmikes.org

The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send a message to offer ideas, talent, expertise, or feedback.

Note: This e-mail is checked weekly, and the Pastoral Council meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 18, 2025

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

#### LADIES SODALITY MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 1:00 p.m.

The Ladies of the Sodality of the Blessed Mother will hold their "Baby Shower" in the **Parish Center**. A representative from Birthright in will be their guest speaker. Anyone who would like to come is welcomed.

#### **FAITH FORMATION LISTENING SESSION**

Thursday, May 22 7:00 p.m.

All parents who had students in are Faith Formation Program this year are welcome to attend a listening session to voice thoughts, comments, concerns, and ideas about how the year went and how we can improve for next year! The Listening Session will be held in the Upper Church.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY AT MASS CEMETERY**

Monday, May 26 9:00 a.m.

Join us at St. Michael's Cemetery this Memorial Day, May 26th at 9 a.m. for a Memorial Day Mass. The Mass will be dedicated to all souls buried in our cemetery. The cemetery is located at 278 Cox Street. Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, Mass will be held in the Upper Church of St. Michael Parish.

#### **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION MASSES**

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, May 28 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 29 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 29 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 29 7:00 p.m. in Portuguese (Lower Church)

The Feast of Ascension of Our Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are required to go to Mass.



#### **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

May 6 – May 12

Upcoming 2nd Collections
May 18 – No Second Collection

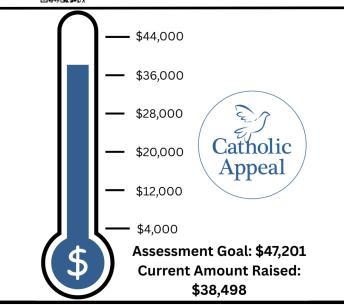
May 25 – No Second Collection

| COLLECTION    | Offertory |
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| SUMMARY       | 5/11      |
| In-Pew        | \$7,817   |
| Online Giving | \$1,238   |
| GRAND TOTAL   | \$9,055   |

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#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

# IS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLING YOU TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

If you are an adult **who has not** received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, we invite you to register of our **OCIA Program**.

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

If you are an adult **who has been** baptized and received First Communion, but were never confirmed, we're offering Adult **Confirmation Classes** that will meet in the **Parish Center at** 7:00 p.m. on following Thursday evenings in June:

June 5 June 12

June 19

June 26

To learn more, contact Lori Morton in the parish office.

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# An Observation from the Conclave

I was listening to the news on the radio at the start of the conclave last week, and was struck by the music that was playing in the background of the news report. It was a sound clip from the College of Cardinals, assembled for the opening Mass of the conclave, singing the Gloria from the Missa de Angelis (Mass of the Angels), the very same setting of the "Glory to God" that we have been singing at Sunday Masses at Saint Michael's for the past few weeks. A few days later, when Leo XIV celebrated his first Mass as the newly-elected Pope, once again the Gloria from the Missa de Angelis was sung by all. It reminded me of

a conversation I had with a parishioner recently, who was frustrated about having difficulty singing the Gloria in Latin. Why are we singing it in Latin? Shouldn't we sing everything in English?

For the answer to that question, we look back at the Second Vatican Council, which stressed that Gregorian Chant should have pride of place in the liturgy and that the faithful should be able to say or sing in Latin those parts of the Mass which pertain to them. In 1974, the architect of the modern liturgy, Pope St. Paul VI, even sent the bishops of the world a small book entitled "Jubilate Deo," containing a minimum repertoire of Gregorian chant which every Catholic in the world ought to know, including the Gloria from the Missa de Angelis. In an age of video streaming, instant communication, and the ability to travel halfway across the globe in a matter of hours, where people from all corners of the world come together to pray, the Church desires that her children know at least some of the Mass in Latin, and be able to sing with one voice the treasured melodies of our heritage.

If you are having trouble singing the Gloria in Latin, fear not! We will return to singing it in English in a few weeks. Because repetition breeds familiarity, and practice makes perfect, our plan is to sing it in Latin for a few weeks at a time, a few times a year. After awhile, you will be surprised at your ability to sing it with ease! More importantly, some time in the not too distant future, when you travel abroad, tune in to EWTN, or simply catch news from the Vatican on your car radio, perhaps you will hear the Gloria from the Missa de Angelis and will recognize it not simply as some pleasant chant, but as music that you know by heart, music that unites you with your Catholic family throughout the world, music that is uniquely Catholic, just like you!

— Michael Olbash

Director of Sacred Music

#### WATER AT ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY

Due to a persistent water leak in the aging piping at the The weekend of May 31st we'll be having the annual cemetery, we are offering two watering stations this year—both by the front gate as we work towards a permanent solution. We apologize for any inconvenience.

#### **WELCOME BACK FR. PETER DEVLIN!**



If you see Fr. Peter Devlin around, be sure to welcome him back to St. Michael's! Fr. Peter is the pastor at Malin Parish in Donegal, Ireland and has been coming to St

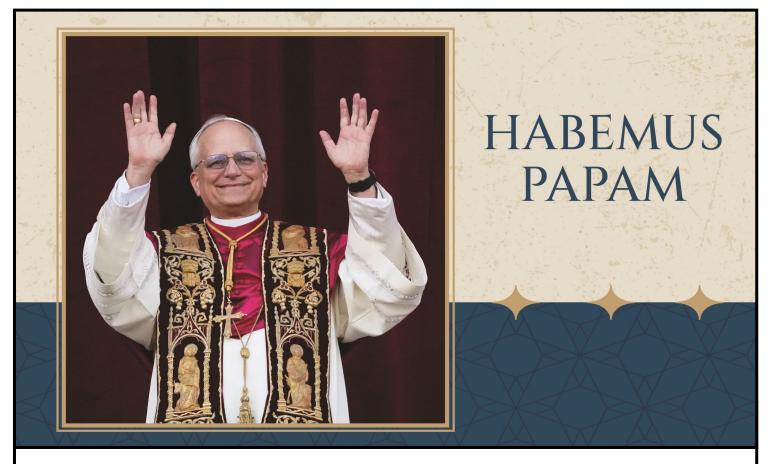
Michael's every summer since 2010! We all look forward to his return every year!

#### STUFF-A-TRUCK CLOTHING DRIVE

"Stuff-a-Truck" donation drive. Parishioners are invited to drop off lightly used clothing and shoes on Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 3pm. These items will donated the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. Please, no bed linens or household goods.



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## **DEUS BENEDICAT PAPA LEO XIV (GOD BLESS POPE LEO XVI)**

On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 8, 2025 white smoke appeared from the Sistine Chapel chimney to signal the world that the College of Cardinals elected a new pope.

## Pope Leo XIV (Robert Francis Prevost)

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Prevost was ordained as a priest for the Order of Saint Augustine in 1982. His service included extensive work in Peru from 1985 to 1986 and from 1988 to 1998, where he variously served as a parish pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher, and administrator. Elected prior general of the Order of Saint Augustine



from 2001 to 2013, he later returned to Peru as Bishop of Chiclayo (2015–2023). In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, and made him a cardinal the same year. A dual citizen of the United States and Peru, Leo XIV is the first pope from the United States, and the first to be a Peruvian citizen. He is the first pope from the Order of Saint Augustine. Please keep Pope Leo XIV in your prayers as he begins in Papal Ministry as the 267th occupant of the throne of St. Peter!