

The Olive Branch

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Habemus Papam: Pope Leo XIV

Cardinal Robert Prevost has become the next pope of the Catholic Church, taking the name Leo XIV.

He was elected on the conclave's fourth ballot, as the 267th Roman Pontiff of the Catholic Church. Robert Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, was the head of the Church's Dicastery for Bishops and is the first Pope from the United States of America. He has dual citizenship of Peru and the USA.

The name the new Holy Father has selected may suggest an emphasis on Catholic Social Teaching. Pope Leo XIII is best remembered for his great encyclical Rerum Novarum on the dignity of labour and the common good.

Born in Chicago in 1955, the new Holy Father was ordained a priest in 1982. In 1985, he joined the Augustinian mission to Peru where he spent many years.

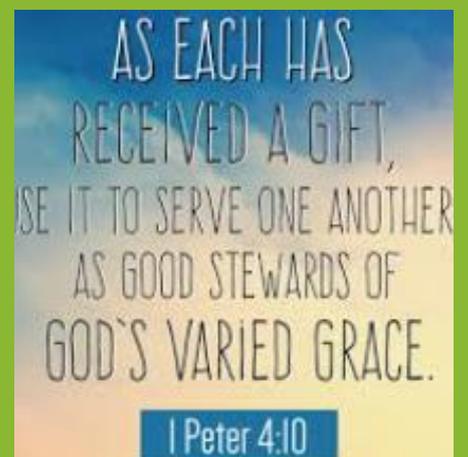
Thousands lined St Peter's Square, you can see Pope Leo's first address here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bGbRMzx4Wo>



*"God loves us,
God loves you all,
and evil will not
prevail! We are all in
God's hands. Therefore,
without fear, united
hand in hand with God
and each other - let us
go forward."*

Pope Leo XIV





This week the children have been painting our new Catholic Social Teaching mural. A wonderful piece bringing the characters of CST to life and enhancing our RE provision. A huge thank you to the very talented artists Joss and Grace, who have kindly given their time and skills voluntarily to make this possible. Every child had the opportunity to take part in painting. We will share the finished piece soon!



The feast of the Ascension takes place over the half term break. You can find ideas for family prayer to recognise this special day here.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/ascension-family-prayer-ideas>

Catholic Social Teaching

Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good. We are connected to people and places all over the world.

Pope Francis said,

"We are a single family dwelling in a common home."

Fratelli Tutti, 17

By coming together in hope as individuals, families, communities, organisations and nations, we can achieve transformative change for the common good. When we unite and make a stand for what we believe in, we can achieve remarkable things.



God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.

Reference: CAFOD



*Wishing everyone a restful half term,
May God bless and watch over us all.*

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