

Trump Portrays Himself as Jesus in Viral Post as He Blasts Pope Leo in Explosive Clash

A social media post from President Donald Trump is igniting intense backlash and raising deeper questions about faith, power and symbolism in America's political landscape.

Recently, President Trump shared an image that appeared to depict himself as Jesus Christ—an act that quickly drew criticism and concern from observers who viewed it as crossing a serious line. The post has since been deleted.



Trump Truth Social

The image causing such a stir was first shared by Nick Adams on February 4 on social media with the caption, “America has been sick for a long time. President Trump is healing this nation.”

As Forbes noted, the image added fuel to an already escalating conflict between Trump and Pope Leo XIV, intensifying scrutiny around the president's rhetoric and actions.

The moment marked more than just another controversial post—it introduced a powerful and provocative layer of religious imagery into an already heated geopolitical and spiritual debate. Even California Governor Gavin Newsom responded to the image by depicting Trump as the Grim Reaper with a ghostly image of Jeffrey Epstein in the background.

– Governor Newsom Press Office (@GovPressOffice) April 13, 2026

Trump's Direct Attack on Pope Leo

The controversy surrounding the image comes alongside a sharp and public rebuke of Pope Leo from Trump himself.

In a lengthy Truth Social post, the president did not hold back:

Pope Leo is WEAK on Crime, and terrible for Foreign Policy. He talks about 'fear' of the Trump Administration, but doesn't mention the FEAR that the Catholic Church, and all other Christian Organizations, had during COVID... I don't want a Pope who thinks it's OK for Iran to have a Nuclear Weapon... Leo should get his act together as Pope... It's hurting him very badly and, more importantly, it's hurting the Catholic Church! President DONALD J. TRUMP

As reported by The Hill, Trump's criticism centers on Pope Leo's stance against war and his calls for diplomacy in global conflicts. The president framed the pope's approach as weak, particularly on issues involving Iran and broader foreign policy.



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Pope Leo Responds Without Fear

Despite the escalating rhetoric, Pope Leo has taken a markedly different tone.

According to Forbes, the pope stated he has "no fear" of the Trump administration and intends to continue speaking on global issues, particularly those involving war and peace.

As the Associated Press noted, the Pope further stated, "I'm not afraid of the Trump administration or of speaking out

loudly about the message of the Gospel, which is what the Church works for.”

What Is Being Set Up?

The most sobering question may not be about what is happening now—but what it could lead to next.

By stepping into religious imagery and confronting a major global faith leader head-on, Trump is engaging a deeply spiritual audience in a way rarely seen in modern politics. It raises the question: What precedent is being set? By continuing to engage with Christian leaders and even hosting faith-based events, what could happen after he leaves office?

If a future administration arises that is not rooted in biblical Christianity but still speaks the language of religion, the groundwork may already be in place. A culture accustomed to blending political authority with spiritual symbolism could be more susceptible to leadership that appears righteous—but lacks true spiritual alignment.

This is more than a political dispute. It is a moment that sits at the crossroads of influence, belief and identity.

And in times like these, discernment is not optional—it is essential.

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