

White House Congratulates America's First Pope, Leo XIV

Today marks history as Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost became Pope Leo XIV.

Leo XIV is the first ever American Pope, though he has spent much of his time in Peru and is a dual citizen of both nations. As the 267th Pope, he now holds a title that will undoubtedly have a major impact on people across the globe.

Taking to social media, President Donald Trump congratulated Leo XIV on this historic accomplishment.

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Congratulations to Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, who was just named Pope. It is such an honor to realize that he is the first American Pope. What excitement, and what a Great Honor for our Country. I look forward to meeting Pope Leo XIV. It will be a very meaningful moment!

White House Faith Director Jenny Korn also posted on social media about this major news.

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– Jenny Korn (@JennySKorn) May 8, 2025

Among these influential celebratory comments include Dr. Malachi O'Brien, who recognized the Catholic church for their consistent dedication to the pro-life movement.

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– Dr. Malachi – (Dr. Run) (@malachiobrien) May 8, 2025

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Conservative commentator Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, recently disclosed that his organization obtained the voting history of Pope Leo XIV, revealing that the new pontiff is a registered Republican who has participated in

Republican primaries when not serving overseas.

SCOOP: Our Turning Point Action team pulled the voting history for Pope Leo XIV.

He's a registered Republican who has voted in Republican primaries when not living abroad.

Our data shows he's a strong Republican, and he's pro-life.

– Charlie Kirk (@charliekirk11) May 8, 2025

As Pope Leo XIV begins his papacy, his appointment marks a significant moment in the history of the Catholic Church. With a background that spans both the United States and Peru, his leadership brings a diverse perspective to the global stage. As the world takes note of this milestone, many will be watching to see how he navigates the responsibilities of guiding over a billion Catholics worldwide.

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