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STATEMENT

Habemus Papam!

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Welcomes the Election of New Holy Father

ALBUQUERQUE – Thursday, May 8, 2025—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—The Archdiocese of Santa Fe joins with Catholics around the world in joyful thanksgiving upon the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. With hearts filled with hope, we give thanks to God for the gift of our new shepherd.

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, said, "With deep gratitude to the Holy Spirit and the College of Cardinals, we welcome our new pope, Leo XIV. This is a sacred and historic moment for the Roman Catholic Church, and we rejoice in the guidance of our new spiritual leader. I invite all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe to join me in prayer for our Holy Father, that he may be blessed with wisdom, strength, and compassion as he begins his papal ministry. May the light of Christ guide him as he shepherds the People of God into a future filled with faith, unity, and peace."

The archdiocese invites all people to pray for the continued unity and vitality of our Mother Church during this time of transition and grace, and for the mission of evangelization that lies ahead.

As the successor to St. Peter, Pope Leo XIV now bears the sacred responsibility of shepherding over 1.4 billion Catholics across the globe. May this moment of renewal deepen our faith, inspire our witness, and strengthen our commitment to Christ and His Church. We entrust our Holy Father to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and look forward with great hope to the journey ahead.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated today, May 8, 2025, at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. All are welcome.

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