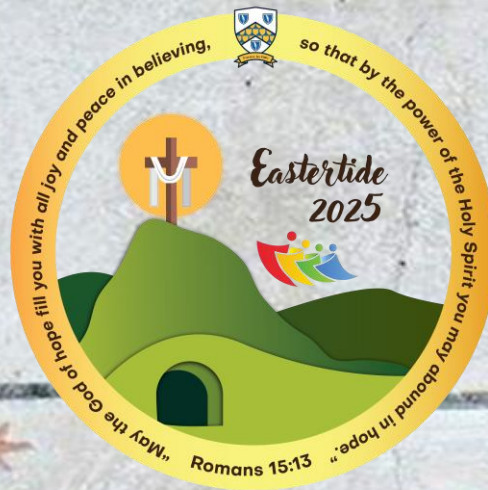


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Our new Holy Father is:

Pope Leo XIV born Robert Prevost in Chicago, USA in 1955.

Before his election, he served the Church faithfully as A priest of the Augustinian Order, a parish priest and teacher in the Seminary in Peru.

He was made a Cardinal in 2023 by Pope Francis. He is a former Bishop of the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru

Shortly after stepping onto the balcony, Pope Leo gave his first blessing "To the City and the World." Let us now listen to his first message.



Urbi et Orbi – Our Pope's First Message to us...



Opening Prayer:

Lord God,
You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be the Good Shepherd,
And You continue to guide Your Church through the
ministry of Peter and his successors.

Today, we give thanks for Pope Leo.
Bless him with courage, compassion, and faith,
That he may lead Your people in truth and unity.

Help us to follow Christ closely under his guidance,
And to live as pilgrims of hope in our world.



Amen.



A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew

All: *Glory to you, O Lord.*



Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
he asked his disciples,

“Who do men say that the Son of man is?”

And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah,
and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”



Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father
who is in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.



I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

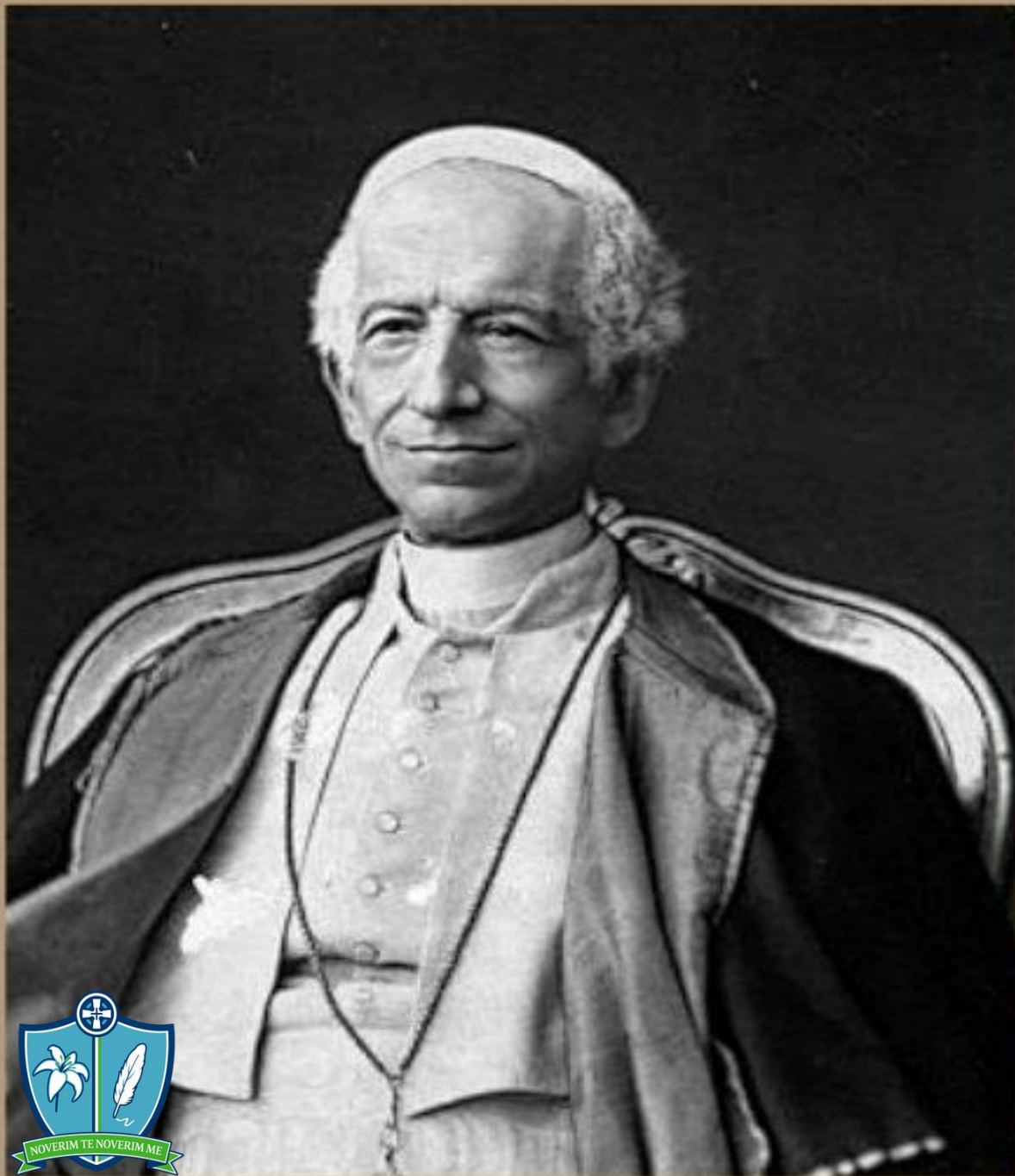
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.















Prayers



For Pope Leo, that the Holy Spirit may guide him in love, wisdom, and strength.

Lord of Love

All: hear our prayer.



For the Church across the world, that we may be united in faith and mission.

Lord of Love

All: *hear our prayer.*



For all those who feel lost or forgotten, that the Pope's words may bring comfort and healing.

Lord of Love

All: *hear our prayer.*



For our schools and homes, that we may be people of joy, faith, and welcome.

Lord of Love

All: hear our prayer



For all young people, that they may hear God's call
and use their gifts to build a better world.

Lord of Love

All: hear our prayer.







Closing Prayer:

Loving God,
We thank You for the gift of our new Holy Father.
Help us to listen to his voice, to trust in Your Word,
and to share the hope of the Gospel with the world.

May our schools be places of light, faith, and love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





