



MEDIA RELEASE Friday May 9

Habemus Papam

We have a new Pope

Earlier today Pope Leo XIV emerged from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica in Rome to signify the beginning of a new Papacy with the words "Peace be with you".

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Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has welcomed the election of Pope Leo XIV.

"Our prayer today in the Adelaide Archdiocese is one of thanksgiving to God for providing a good Shepherd for us all," he said.

"He will be a shepherd who walks before us and with us helping us to bring the joy of the gospel to all people specially those on the margins of our society."

Archbishop O'Regan met the new pope several times at the Synod on Synodality last year.

"He has a vast experience of working in many parts of the world and a profound knowledge of the Church and a deep Augustinian spirituality that will guide the Church in faith, hope and love.

"God bless Pope Leo XIV and his ministry of communion."

Archbishop O'Regan will celebrate the 11am Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sunday May 11 and will be available to speak to all media afterwards.

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