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**ELECTION OF POPE LEO XVI**

My brothers and sisters, we join the Universal Church in celebrating the announcement of our new Pope.

Today, May 8, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, age 69 of Chicago in the United States and Prefect of the Congregation of Bishops, was elected Pope.

He is the 267 successor of Peter and Supreme Pontiff and has chosen the name Leo XIV.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of our new Pope.

I invite the faithful of the Diocese of Roseau to join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his Petrine Ministry.

 We pray that he be granted an abundance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as he leads the flock of Christ, and that the Holy Spirit will guide him in effectively facing the challenges of today’s Church and world.

On behalf of the Clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of Roseau, I extend congratulations to Pope Leo XIV.

May he be a beacon of hope and unity.

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