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## **STATEMENT**

## PRIME MINISTER ROOSEVELT SKERRIT CONGRATULATES NEW PONTIFF, POPE LEO XIV

**Roseau Dominica-May 8, 2025:** On behalf of the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Dominica, and as a son of the Catholic faith, I extend heartfelt congratulations to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on his election as the 267th Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

Your ascension comes at a pivotal moment in our world-when nations grapple with conflict, inequality and the urgent need for peace, compassion and unity. Your leadership is a profound symbol of renewal and hope, reminding us that faith constantly invites us to rebuild, reconcile and recommit to the service of others.

We in Dominica look forward to your guidance as a shepherd of moral clarity, justice and mercy, and pray that your pontificate will inspire hearts across continents to seek common ground, care for creation and build a future anchored in love.

Ad multos annos, Holy Father.