



welcome following the election of Pope Leo XIV.

Vatican TV

Sharing in the great joy of Roman Catholic sisters and brothers, Archbishop Stephen welcomed Pope Leo XIV as Bishop of Rome, offering prayers for his ministry and giving thanks for his call to be a bridge-builder in a divided world.

**Archbishop Stephen said:** “I share in the great joy of our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers in welcoming His Holiness Pope Leo XIV as the Bishop of Rome. With Christians around the world, I will be praying for the new Pope as he takes on the enormous challenges and responsibilities of the Petrine ministry.

“Pope Leo XIV’s many years of pastoral experience, his commitment to justice, and his deep spirituality are an example of life lived in service to Jesus Christ. As Anglicans, we give thanks for his call to Christians to be bridge-builders across the divisions of our world, and the divisions that continue to exist between churches. This is something Jesus asks of us. He prays that the church will be one.

“This evening, the new Pope spoke of a Church that seeks peace and remains close to those who suffer. Our wounded world needs the justice, healing and hope of Jesus Christ, and we look forward to working with Pope Leo XIV and Roman Catholics in every place to share that love with those in need.

“I pray that God’s sustaining Spirit will uphold the new Pope in his service of Christ.”

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