



AMERICAN NATIONAL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 8, 2025

His Holiness Leo XIV
Apostolic Palace
00120 Vatican City

May it please Your Holiness,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the American National Catholic Church, I extend our heartfelt congratulations and fraternal greetings upon your election as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church. We honor the Petrine ministry entrusted to you and pray that your pontificate may be filled with wisdom, compassion, and an ever-deepening commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We in the American National Catholic Church hold the office of the papacy in deep respect, recognizing it as a visible sign of unity and service within the Church Catholic. While we walk parallel paths in faith and mission, we remain joined by our shared commitment to the teachings and love of Christ.

In the Gospel according to Luke, we read:

"Master," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."

— Luke 9:49–50

These words remind us that the mission of Christ transcends institutional boundaries and invites all who labor in His name to a spirit of mutual recognition and fraternal charity.

May the Holy Spirit guide your ministry and may your witness continue to be a beacon of hope, justice, and reconciliation in our world. Be assured of our prayers for you and for the Church entrusted to your care.

In the peace of Christ,

Most Rev. George R. Lucey, FCM
Presiding Bishop