



**Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough**

May 8, 2025

**STATEMENT BY THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL MIEHM, BISHOP OF  
PETERBOROUGH, UPON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV**

We have received the great and joyful news of the election of a new pontiff: Cardinal Robert Prevost, formerly the head of the Dicastery for Bishops, who has chosen the name Pope Leo XIV. We join with Catholics around the world, all Christians, and all people of good will in praying for our new Holy Father that God may endow him with wisdom, compassion and Apostolic courage as he assumes the ministry of Universal Shepherd and Vicar of Christ on Earth.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Daniel Miehm".

†Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm  
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