



**LITURGICAL GUIDANCE
WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW POPE
OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

Today, May 8, 2025, with the announcement of the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the clergy and faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia give praise and thanks to Almighty God for his provident care of the Church.

- It is fitting, if possible, to ring the church bells today for a sustained period to announce the election and to signal the joy of the whole Church.
- The use of gold and white bunting is optional until the day of the Inaugural Mass of the new Pope.
- The name of the Holy Father is immediately included in the Eucharistic Prayer in the celebration of Holy Mass.
- A special Mass should be celebrated for the newly elected Pope. Several parishes and institutions can join together for the celebration of Holy Mass for this intention. When possible, and in accord with the norms of the liturgical calendar, the “Mass for the Pope” [especially on the anniversary of election] is appropriate. The Mass text is found in the section, “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, number 2” in the *Roman Missal*. The Readings are taken from the Common of Pastors, in the *Lectionary for Mass*, numbers. 719-724.
- The following petition may be used as the first petition in the Universal Prayer from today until the Inaugural Mass of the new Pope:
For our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, that he may be strengthened by God’s grace to proclaim the saving truth of the Gospel as he assumes the ministry of universal shepherd and pastor of the Church. Let us pay to the Lord./Lord, hear our prayer.
- All are encouraged to pray individually for our newly elected Pope, especially with the Holy Rosary and/or with an *Our Father, Hail Mary* and *Glory be*.