

## Message from Bishop Alain Faubert Welcome to our new Pope Leo XIV

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

With the whole Church, our church in Valleyfield rejoices at the election of Pope Leo XIV. As soon as he was elected, he pronounced the traditional words of blessing, 'Urbi et Orbi' over the city of Rome and the whole world. This blessing invites us to think about the scope of his ministry, following in the footsteps of the Apostle Peter.



Urbi'. Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost becomes Bishop of the Diocese of Rome, the Church that presides over the charity of all the Churches; the Church that has the unique role of preserving and nurturing the unity of all local Churches, of all dioceses.

'Orbi'. Our Pope is therefore also given to the entire Church, spread throughout the world. And as the Church does not exist for itself, but so that the world may have Life in abundance, the Life that comes from God through Christ, we can say that Pope Leo is given to the whole world.

His prophetic voice is already being heard in a world in need of justice and peace, security and dignity for all: 'Peace be with you'. The Holy Father reminds us of the peace that the Risen Christ wished for his disciples on Easter evening. It is the peace of which we are called to be witnesses and artisans.

Brothers and sisters, as we think of this immense task, let us pray for our Pope: 'Lord God, by a decision of your providence, you wished to build your Church on blessed Peter, head of the Apostles; look kindly on our Pope Leo, whom you have established as Peter's successor; may he be for your people, in a visible way, the principle and foundation of the unity of faith and of ecclesial communion. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen'.

Long live our Pope Leo! At his invitation, let us journey together along the paths of the Gospel!

+Alain Faubert

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads '+Alain Faubert'.

Bishop of Valleyfield