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<< **Pope Leo XIV** >>

## American-born Cardinal Robert F. Prevost elected pope



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Newly elected Pope Leo XIV appears at the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Thursday.

### A new pope: 'He's right out of Francis's playbook'

By Emily Wax-Thibodeaux  
*The Washington Post*

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, a native of Chicago who is now the first American-born pope, has spent most of his career outside of the United States, ministering to the dispossessed and marginalized.

The "Latin Yankee," as he is known in Rome, worked 20 years in Peru's poorest enclave — falling so in love with the country that he became a naturalized citizen. His commitment there echoes the legacy of Pope Francis, an Argentine who became the Catholic Church's first leader from South America.

"He's right out of Francis's playbook," said Kathleen Sprows Cummings, a professor of history at the University of Notre Dame who focuses on U.S. Catholics. "He ticks off all the boxes of a future pope: a pastoral heart, managerial experience and vision."

Francis turned to Prevost on repeated occasions. In 2022, he had him preside over a revolutionary reform: adding three women to the voting bloc that

decides which bishop nominations go forward to the pope. Yet his successor is considered more middle of the road, pragmatic as well as cautious.

In picking the 69-year-old Prevost, the papal conclave in Rome looked past allegations that he had mishandled or failed to act on sexual abuse cases involving priests in both Peru and the United States.

He was selected despite being "an enigma to cardinals, especially to American cardinals, because he spent his life outside of the United States," said Jon Morris, a theologian and former priest who has been in Rome to observe the transition as a Fox News contributor.

Prevost's childhood roots were deep on Chicago's South Side, where he grew up worshipping at St. Mary of the Assumption Church on E. 137th Street. Local media have reported that his father, of French and Italian ancestry, was an educator who served in the church as a catechist and that his mother, of Spanish ancestry, was a librarian. Mem-

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Newly elected Pope Leo XIV waves to faithful and pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square shortly after his election, Thursday.

### Journey to Papacy: Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, overcame a taboo against a US pontiff

By Franklin Briceño and Nicole Winfield  
*The Associated Press*

**VATICAN CITY** » Pope Francis brought Robert Prevost to the Vatican in 2023 as the powerful head of the office that vets bishop nominations, one of the most important jobs in the Catholic Church. On Thursday, he ascended to become Pope Leo XIV — the first pontiff from the United States.

Prevost, 69, had to overcome

the taboo against an American pope, given the geopolitical power already wielded by the U.S. in the secular sphere.

The Chicago native is also a Peruvian citizen and lived for years in Peru, first as a missionary and then as an archbishop.

He evoked his broad experience in his first public remarks as pope, speaking in Italian, then switching to Spanish —

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**EASTPOINTE**

### Woman charged in deadly shooting

Defense attorney: 'How can Macomb County prosecutor reward the person that started the fight'

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The attorney for the woman who allegedly pulled the trigger in a deadly shooting at an Eastpointe sport goods store said the incident was a matter of self defense while she was trying to break up a brawl involving her brother.

Lakylia Sheila Taylor was arraigned Thursday in 38th District Court on two counts of second-degree homicide and other crimes. Judge Kathleen Galen set bond at \$2.5 million cash/surety only.

Taylor, 19, of Detroit, is accused in the shooting that killed two people. Earlier this week, her brother Dejuan Jermain Taylor was also charged for his alleged role in the incident.

Macomb County Prosecutor Peter Lucido called the shooting a "senseless act of violence."

"Young lives are lost and ruined forever from this conduct," he said in a news release. "Self-defense of yourself and/or others is allowed, but street justice is never permissible."

Randall Upshaw, the defense attorney for Lakylia Taylor, said the young woman was fearful her brother was going to be shot in the attack.

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**WARREN**

### State Supreme Court dismisses marijuana case

Macomb County Circuit Court case is still active

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The Michigan Supreme Court issued an order on April 30 dismissing the Pinebrook, LLC vs. City of Warren appeals case that has been in litigation for six years.

The case was reopened in Macomb County Circuit Court and is still pending there.

Attorney representing the City of Warren, Andrea Pike, declined to comment on the dismissal due to the case still pending in Macomb County Circuit Court.

It is related to the application process for medical marijuana licensing in Warren and the city's Marijuana Review Committee that was responsible for reviewing and scoring applications. At issue is the role of the marijuana committee, specifically if it was a decision-making public body that was subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Based on the recommendations of the Marijuana Review Committee, the City Council selected 15 recipients to which medical marijuana licenses would be awarded. More than 60 applicants were reviewed by the committee.

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Left to right: Cardinals stand on one of the lateral balconies of St Peter's Basilica after they elected Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican, Thursday. People hold up a US flag as the newly elected Pope Leo XIV appears at the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. Faithful react after the announcement of the newly elected Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican.

