



## **Habemus Papam!**

On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:09pm, white smoke from the Sistine Chapel's chimney signaled the successful election of a new pope.

The Protodeacon of the College of Cardinals made the formal proclamation from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in Latin:

"Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam! Eminentissimum ac reverendissimum Dominum, Dominum Robertum Franciscum Prevost, Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Prevost, qui sibi nomen imposuit Leo XIV"

The conclave followed the death of Pope Francis on April 21, prompting the first papal election since 2013.

Cardinal Robert Prevost, who will be known as Pope Leo XIV, is the first-ever American pope.

## **Latin Phrases from the Papal Conclave**

The following are key Latin phrases traditionally used during a papal conclave. These expressions not only carry ceremonial significance but also reflect the continued relevance of Latin in the modern world.

### **Extra omnes**

"Everyone out" – This phrase is pronounced at the beginning of the conclave to order all non-cardinals to leave the Sistine Chapel.

### **Cum clavis**

"Under lock and key" – Refers to the conclave itself, which is conducted in secrecy with the doors locked until a new pope is chosen.

### **Testor Christum Dominum, qui me iudicaturus est...**

"I call Christ the Lord, who will judge me, as my witness, that I am voting for the one who, according to God, I believe should be elected." – This is the formula recited by each cardinal when casting their vote.

### **Acceptasne electionem de te canonice factam in summum pontificem?**

"Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?" – The question asked of the newly elected pope.

### **Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam**



"I announce to you a great joy: We have a pope." – The traditional formula used to proclaim the election of a new pope.

**Urbi et Orbi**

"To the city [of Rome] and to the world" – The papal blessing given by the pope immediately after the announcement and on other solemn occasions.

**Motu proprio**

"On his own initiative" – Refers to a document issued by the pope personally and of his own volition.

**Requiescat in pace (RIP)**

"May he/she rest in peace" – A common Latin phrase used in prayers and memorials for the deceased.

**Memento mori**

"Remember that you will die" – A reminder of mortality, used historically in art and religious reflection.

**Carpe diem**

"Seize the day" – An exhortation to make the most of the present moment.

**Tempus fugit**

"Time flies" – A reminder of the swift passage of time.