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May 8, 2025

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of myself, the priests, lay leaders, and parishioners of the Diocese of Superior, we join the Universal Church in heartfelt joy and gratitude for the gift of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

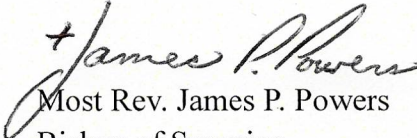
The inspiring journey of Pope Leo XIV, leaving Chicago to serve others in Peru, resonates deeply with our own call as missionary disciples here in northern Wisconsin. His dedication echoes the spirit of outreach and service that is central to our faith.

The choice of the name Leo recalls the legacy of great pontiffs like St. Leo the Great, a true reformer, and Leo XIII, whose profound teachings on social justice continue to guide our commitment to peace and justice in our faith communities across the Diocese.

We hold in prayerful remembrance Pope Francis and now joyfully welcome Pope Leo XIV with renewed faith and commitment. As Catholics in the United States, we recognize the unique significance of witnessing the leadership of the first American Pope and pray for his guidance upon the Church and the world.

May God grant Pope Leo XIV a blessed pontificate.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

  
+ James P. Powers  
Most Rev. James P. Powers  
Bishop of Superior