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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With profound gratitude and joy, I join the faithful of the Diocese of Duluth and Catholics worldwide in welcoming the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. This moment marks the next chapter in our Church's two thousand year journey, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the enduring mission of proclaiming the healing, hope, and joy found in Jesus Christ.

The conclave's decision to elect our new pontiff invites us to embrace a future filled with renewed faith and commitment. Pope Leo XIV's leadership will undoubtedly inspire us to deepen our relationship with Christ and to live out the Gospel with compassion and courage.

Let us pray for our new Holy Father, that he may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to shepherd the Church with wisdom, humility, and love. May his papacy be a beacon of unity and a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love.

Long live Pope Leo XIV!

Most Reverend Daniel Felton

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