



CURIA GENERALIZIA DELLA COMPAGNIA DI GESÙ

**Election of Pope Leo XIV**

**2025/08**

**TO THE WHOLE SOCIETY**

Dear Brothers,

With all the people of God and so many people of good will, we share the joy of the election of Pope Leo XIV, Bishop of Rome and Pastor of the Universal Church.

In this Easter season, we have contemplated the scene where Jesus, the crucified-risen one, confirms the call to the Apostle Peter to follow Him, to take care of his brothers and sisters gathered in the Church, sent to spread and be witnesses of the Good News throughout the world. The source of the mission entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his successors is the unconditional love of the Father. The Son, Jesus, gave His life to fulfill the Father's redemptive will and entrusted to the community of His disciples the continuation of His mission in history. He sent the Holy Spirit as inspirer and counselor of His apostles and ministers responsible for carrying it out. The Petrine ministry thus plays a key role in animating the service of the Church to the redemptive mission of the Lord Jesus in all the complex situations of human history.

For us, it is an opportunity to renew one of the characteristic dimensions of the charism received through Saint Ignatius and the early fathers, founders of the Society of Jesus, namely, the willingness to receive from the Roman Pontiff, Vicar of Christ on earth, the mission with which we can offer the best service to the universal Church. As my predecessors did with previous Popes, I have communicated to the Holy Father Leo XIV the availability of the Society of Jesus



to offer our cooperation wherever and however his universal vision considers we can give the best of what we are today.

I have also assured Pope Leo XIV of the prayers of the whole body and of each member of the Society of Jesus. Let us take this moment to renew our *thinking with the Church*, finding, in creative fidelity to our charism, the best way we can today serve the mission of the Lord Jesus.

We therefore wholeheartedly commend Pope Leo XIV to Mary, Mother of the Church, Our Lady, who accepted the call of the Holy Spirit, trusting that nothing is impossible for God, accompanying her son Jesus during His earthly life and, as a privileged witness of the resurrection, accompanying the first steps of the early Church.

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