



His Holiness Pope Leo XIV,  
267th Pope and Bishop of Rome,  
The Vatican  
*By email*

9 May 2025

Your Holiness,

With great joy, we welcome your election and appointment.

On behalf of the worldwide Anglican Communion, I write to express our joy and celebration of your election and appointment as Pope.

May I assure you of the Anglican Communion's prayers for you as you take up your global ministry in service of the Church. Our prayer is that you may lead with faithfulness, vision and courage, embodying Christian values of peace and justice in service of mission and evangelisation.

At this point in history, the world and the Church face significant challenges. Crises of mass migration, war, poverty and division press upon us all. As ever, the most innocent and vulnerable in our societies suffer most severely.

We welcome your commitment to building bridges through dialogue and summoning the faithful to visible unity without fear.

The Anglican Communion remains committed to our collaboration with the Catholic Church in the friendship of Jesus, sustained by our formal ecumenical institutions and the pioneering ministry of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

The Anglican–Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) and the International Anglican–Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) help us to think and grow together along the synodal path. Anglicans and Roman Catholics look to these commissions – and the friendships that they enable – in the spirit of Saint Augustine's summons to the Communion of Love, founded in the whole Christ.

We pray that God will grant you the strength to lead wisely and assure you of our open arms in return. May we meet the Lord together again, as he comes to us and bids us not to be afraid (John 6:20).

Yours in Christ,

The Rt Revd Anthony Poggo  
Secretary General of the Anglican Communion