

**Pope Leo XVI's Inauguration Mass**  
**St. Peter's Square, Vatican City**  
**May 18, 2025**

**WATCH THE HIGHLIGHTS** of the historic celebration of the Inauguration Mass for the start of the Petrine Ministry of the Bishop of Rome: Pope Leo XIV. It is hosted by EWTN with helpful commentary by Msgr. Roger Landry, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, USA; Matthew Bunson, VP of EWTN News and Montse Alvaredo, Pres. of EWTN News.



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The highlighted timing for each entry below is for you to choose what you would like to listen to. There is insightful commentary with explanations of symbols and key parts of the Inauguration Mass:

- Explanation of **the Pope's Ring** – 2:33 – 4:00 (begin at 2 minutes, 33 seconds)
- **Pope Leo XIV in the pope mobile** greets pilgrims in Vatican Square and those lining the Via della Conciliazione, the street running from Saint Peter's Square to the Tiber River. 4:00 – 24:50
- An explanation of singing **the Nicene Creed** is provided. This year, we are celebrating the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicene Creed. 26:50 – 29:14
- A **brief report of the Diocese Chiclayo in northern Peru where Pope Leo XIV served as a missionary priest** starting in 1985 and a bishop from 2015 – 2023. 29:20 – 36:25
- A picture of the **Fisherman's Ring** and its significance 36:26 - 38:50
- An explanation of the **pallium that will be placed on Pope Leo XIV**, a symbol of his authority over the whole Church. 38:51 - 42:55
- Explanation of why Pope Leo XIV will **pray at the tomb of St. Peter**. 43:00 - 48:38
- The **meaning of the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** 51:00 – 52:30

- The **Pectoral Cross** that Pope Leo XIV wears around his neck. 52:40 - 55:00
- The **procession into St. Peter's Basilica by the Cardinals and Pope Leo XIV** is explained, along with the meaning of the Gospel that is read at the Inauguration Mass. The hymn "You are Peter and upon this Rock I will build My Church" (Mt 16:18-19) is sung as Pope Leo XIV processes into St. Peter's Basilica. 55:01 – 1:00:00
- **Pope Leo XIV prays in silence at the tomb of the Apostle Peter** beneath the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica, accompanied by Eastern Patriarchs, before his Inauguration Mass begins. This solemn moment marks the **beginning of his Petrine Ministry as Bishop of Rome**, connecting him to the first Pope. 1:03:00 – 1:05:03
- **The Cardinals and Pope Leo XIV process** through St. Peter's Basilica and **enter St. Peter's Square for his Inauguration Mass**. The procession is accompanied by the ancient Gregorian Chant, a special **litany invoking the saints to intercede for the Pope's sanctity** as he begins his ministry as the successor of St. Peter. 1:05:04 – 1:14:27
- The beginning of Mass, the renewal of Baptismal Promises and the Gloria 1:14:28 – 1:29:20
- The first Reading, the Psalm Response, the second Reading and the Gospel 1:29:29 - 1:48:30
- **Pope Leo XIV receives the pallium** from Cardinal Dominique Mamberti. The **pallium is a woolen vestment symbolizing his role as Supreme Shepherd**. Made from lamb's wool blessed on the feast of St Agnes, it represents both his pastoral office as the successor of St. Peter and visible head of the Catholic Church. 1:48:50 – 1:52:35
- **Pope Leo XIV receives with emotion the Fisherman's Ring**, a special gold ring bearing the image of St. Peter and the Pope's name and seal. Cardinal Tagle put the ring on his finger. 1:52:40 – 1:57:00
- A cardinal, bishop, deacon, religious sister, two young people, and a married couple approach Pope Leo XIV to express their obedience 1:57:01 – 2:00:15
- Pope Leo XIV's **Homily** at the Inauguration Mass on May 18, 2025 is provided in English. 2:00:55 – 2:12:55 (12 minutes)
- The **Nicene Creed** is sung, and then the Offertory and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are celebrated, followed by a welcome to all pilgrims by Pope Leo. 2:13:00 – 3:05:12
- The **Regina Caeli** is sung, followed by Pope Leo's solemn blessing 3:05:13 – 3:10:25
- **Final commentary** 3:10:26 – 3:39:45