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**STATEMENT BY MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL
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ON THE ELECTION OF THE NEW POPE**

With deep joy and profound gratitude to God, I warmly welcome the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the 267th Successor of St Peter. His election is a moment of great hope and regeneration for the Catholic Church and for the world.

In communion with Pope Leo XIV and the College of Bishops, I reaffirm my steadfast fidelity and support for the Holy Father as he begins his Petrine ministry. Together, we share a sacred responsibility to shepherd the faithful, uphold the truth of the Gospel, and serve the mission of the Church in love and unity.

The Petrine ministry, entrusted to the Pope as the visible source and foundation of unity, is a powerful witness to the enduring presence of Christ among us. Through his leadership, we are called to deepen our communion, strengthen our witness to charity, and work tirelessly for peace in a world that longs for healing and reconciliation.

May the Lord bless Pope Leo XIV with wisdom, courage, and compassion. I invite all people of goodwill to pray for our new Holy Father as he begins his service to the Church and to humanity.

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