



Pope Leo XIV, photo by Edgar Beltrán



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Habemus Papam: Three Journalists Weigh In on Pope Leo's First Year

April 15, 2026, 7–8:30PM

McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall, Lake Shore Campus

In less than 12 months since his election to the Chair of St. Peter, Pope Leo has continued Vatican reforms, personally reached out to the faithful in need of support, and inspired the Catholic faithful—both committed and lapsed. His influence has been felt outside of the Catholic Church through his ecumenical and interreligious dialogues, his public ministry to the marginalized in Rome, and his heartfelt appeal of halting the spiral of violence in war-torn regions lest we plunge into an "irreparable abyss." To mark the one-year anniversary of Pope Leo's election, The Hank Center will host a conversation focused on the first year of the Pope Leo's reign: What has he accomplished? What remains to be done? Where do we go from here?

Journalists **Gretchen Crowe** (*Our Sunday Visitor*), **Colleen Dulle** (*America*), and **Michael Sean Winters** (*National Catholic Reporter*) will offer their take on Pope Leo's first year. **Dominic Preziosi** (*Commonweal*) will moderate. *This in-person event is free; registration is highly encouraged but not required. Registrants will receive the link to the event video once it is available.*



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