

Pope Leo XIV urges unity, set to meet Zelenskyy



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VATICAN CITY – Pope Leo XIV delivered a powerful message of unity and renewal during his inaugural mass at St. Peter’s Basilica, calling on the global Catholic community to embrace a “missionary spirit” and work towards healing divisions. Addressing thousands of faithful and global dignitaries, the newly elected pontiff highlighted the Church’s pivotal role in fostering peace and solidarity amid global challenges.

“Our mission is not confined to walls or borders,” Pope Leo XIV declared. “We are called to extend our hands to those in need, heal wounds, and build bridges across divides.” His message resonated with the congregation as he outlined his vision for a more inclusive and proactive Church dedicated to social justice, humanitarian outreach, and interfaith dialogue.

Reaffirming his commitment to global outreach, the Vatican confirmed that Pope Leo XIV will meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy this Sunday. The meeting is anticipated to address ongoing conflicts and humanitarian concerns in Ukraine, reflecting Pope Leo XIV’s commitment to reconciliation and peacebuilding.

The mass concluded with prayers for global unity and blessings for the Church’s new chapter under Pope Leo XIV’s leadership. The anticipated meeting with President Zelenskyy is seen as a crucial step toward dialogue and understanding in conflict zones.