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WORDS OF GREETING TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE ECCLESIAL FAMILY
AFTER THE ELECTION OF THE NEW POPE

Dear brethren in The Work of the Church and in the Ecclesial Family:

Filled with joy and gladness for the election of the new Successor of Peter, Pope Leo XIV, I wish to give thanks to God who has given us a Shepherd according to his Father's heart to guide his Holy Church.

In close union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, we have prayed intensely that, through Her maternal intercession, the Holy Spirit might pour out His gifts and enlighten the minds of the Cardinals in the Conclave. The Lord, listening to our prayers, has given us a Supreme Pontiff who confirms us in faith and assures us that we are in the Church of Jesus Christ. *'Only in the Church, where Christ is manifesting Himself through the Pope, is Truth given in all its truth to the man who seeks it in the voice of the supreme Shepherd'* (MOTHER TRINIDAD, *Fruits of Prayer*, No. 57).

Aware of the difficulties and challenges that the new Pope faces, we beseech God to assist him always, so that he may be the image of the Good Shepherd, who guides His flock. We need him to be small, simple and humble, so he can listen to the Word of life that The Word will communicate to him and thus be able to sing it to all people. May the Holy Spirit make him a sharer in His infinite love and inflame him with His fire, so that he may be an understanding and loving father. We implore the Lord that the new Successor of Peter may truly be the rock and foundation of faith. May God grant him the necessary strength to guide well the rudder of the barque of Jesus, with firmness and courage, in these difficult times for the Church.

May Jesus Himself, who entrusted St. Peter with the mission to be a 'fisher of men,' grant him a strong missionary spirit, so that he may announce the Gos-

pel to all men and thus they may discover the infinite riches that the Divine Family has deposited in the Church.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, protect and guard Pope Leo XIV together with all the Bishops who form part of the Apostolic College, for the glory and the manifestation of the Holy Mother Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and under the See of Peter.

Full of jubilation, we want to manifest our unconditional love for the Church and for her Supreme Shepherd, as our Mother Trinidad has taught us: 'How well I understand the necessity of the union with the Pope...! For he who separates himself from the Pope, is not grounded on the living stone and the cornerstone on which the Church rests' (MOTHER TRINIDAD, *My Secret in Letters to my Work of the Church*, letter No. 34, p. 5). '*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church*' (Mt 16:18).

With gratefulness, fondness and affection, I greet you all and send my best wishes,



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