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With hearts full of joy and hope, the Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours extends our warmest congratulations to His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, on his historic election as the 267th Bishop of Rome and the first American-born pontiff in the Catholic Church's history.

Pope Leo XIV's life and ministry resonate deeply with our mission of compassion, healing, and service to those in need. His decades of missionary work in Peru—beginning in 1985 and culminating in his role as Bishop of Chiclayo from 2015 to 2023—demonstrate a profound commitment to walking alongside the poor and marginalized. His naturalization as a Peruvian citizen further reflects his deep solidarity with the people he served.

Throughout his ministry, Pope Leo XIV has championed the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, emphasizing human dignity, solidarity, and care for the vulnerable. His pastoral approach, marked by humility and inclusivity, plus his efforts to welcome migrants and his advocacy for the marginalized echo the core values of social justice that guide our congregation.

As we embark on this new chapter under Pope Leo XIV's leadership, we are filled with renewed hope for a Church that continues to be a beacon of love, justice, and welcome. We offer our prayers and congratulations to His Holiness as he guides the global Catholic community toward greater unity and service.

May the Holy Spirit bless Pope Leo XIV abundantly in his papal ministry.

In peace and solidarity,

The Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours