



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

**Liturgical Considerations Upon the Election of the New Pope**

Upon the election of the new Pope, both the diocesan Bishop and Priests in every parish should offer a special Mass for the newly-elected Pope in accord with the liturgical calendar.

Yellow and white bunting may be hung on the exterior doors of all parish churches.

The “Mass for the Pope” [especially on the anniversary of election] is appropriate. This Mass cannot be used on the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter, solemnities, Ash Wednesday, and the weekdays of Holy Week.

The Mass text is found in the section, “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, no. 2” in The Roman Missal.

**Readings**

Common of Pastors, Lectionary for Mass nos. 719-724.

**General Intercessions**

Some of the following petitions might be used.

- ❖ For our new Holy Father, Leo XIV, that he may be strengthened as he embarks on his ministry of preaching the Good News and leading God’s Church, we pray.
- ❖ That our recently-elected Holy Father, Leo XIV, working together with the bishops of the Church, may build up the Body of Christ, we pray.
- ❖ That our newly-elected Holy Father Leo XIV, may be a champion of the poor, a reconciler of nations and a force for peace and unity in our world, we pray to the Lord.

**Private Prayer**

Again, the faithful should be exhorted to pray for the newly- elected Holy Father in their private prayers. The recitation of the rosary or a simple Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intentions of the Pope is to be encouraged.