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## Message to the Holy Father, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

**His Holiness Pope Leo XIV** 

Supreme Pontiff Apostolic Palace 00120 Vatican City

## Most Holy Father,

With deep filial affection and profound joy, I write on behalf of the 1,600 confreres of our congregation, present in 31 countries and serving in 211 dioceses around the world, to offer our heartfelt congratulations on your election as the Successor of St. Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth. Thank you for accepting this sacred office.

We are very pleased to learn about your missionary background and extensive pastoral experience. Your life of service inspires us. We assure Your Holiness of our unwavering fidelity to the Holy See and our commitment to live and serve in full communion with the Church.

In the spirit of **St. Francis de Sales**, whose gentle strength, pastoral charity, and deep spiritual wisdom continue to guide our way of life, we renew our dedication to the Church's mission under your leadership. We also pledge to remain faithful to the missionary spirit of our Holy Founder, the Servant of God **Father Peter Mary Mermier**, whose zeal for souls and love for the Church continue to animate our apostolic endeavours.

Holy Father, please be assured of our continued prayers for you. May the Lord sustain you with the gifts of wisdom, courage, and peace as you shepherd the People of God in these challenging times. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and our holy patrons always intercede for you.

With filial devotion and deepest respect, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

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Fr. Johnson Michael Kallidukil MSFS Superior General, Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales

Bloom where you are planted. St. Francis de Sales