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## **Press Statement**

Archbishop Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão and Auxiliary Bishop Simião Fernandes, along with the all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman, extend their prayerful wishes and sentiments of filial devotion to Pope Leo XIV as he begins his ministry of shepherding the Universal Catholic Church as the Successor of the Apostle St Peter.

As a response to the Holy Father's first words, inviting the people to peace and dialogue and sharing God's love with all, without fear, we pledge our faithful obedience and support to the Vicar of Christ and we pray with the whole Church:

"May the Lord God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on His servant Pope Leo XIV whom He has set at the head of his Church as Her shepherd and grant, that by word and example, he may be of service to those over whom he presides. Amen."

Fr. Barry Cardozo Director.

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