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Vatican watchers said the new pope naming himself Leo was significant given the previous Leo's legacy of social justice and reform.

Chicago-born pontiff expected to build on Francis' legacy

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA, MICHELLE BOORSTEIN AND STEFANO PITRELLI Washington Post

Vatican City — As the sun set Thursday over St. Peter's Basilica, a 69-year-old prelate who began his calling as a Chicago altar boy stepped onto the central balcony as the first American pope, stunning Vatican City and the world by breaking the long-standing taboo of electing the son of a global superpower to lead the Catholic Church.

Naming himself Pope Leo XIV, a title that nods to the social teachings of the church, the man born Robert Prevost began what could be a long, new chapter in a divided faith. From the balcony, Leo acknowledged the late Francis, a patron who had elevated him, from a priest who spent two decades as a missionary in Peru to one of the powerful positions in the Vatican, where he oversaw the promotion of the church's hierarchy.

The election of a first North American pontiff came immediately after the death of the first Latin American pope, and it signaled a certain relinquishing of papal authority from Europe, the continent whose popes had dominated the ancient and modern church, and a region where the faith is now flagging. Accusations that Leo, when serving in Peru and the United States, mishandled or

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Emilio Morenatti / AP

The crowd in St. Peter's Square erupted in cheers Thursday when white smoke poured out of the Sistine Chapel and waited for an hour to learn who had won.

Michigan Catholics take pride in Leo's connection

BY BETH LEBLANC, MAX REINHART AND ANNE SNABES The Detroit News

Laketown Township — Michigan Catholics took pride Thursday not only in experiencing the election of the first U.S.-born pope, but in Pope Leo XIV's ties to west Michigan, where he attended a minor seminary for high school.

The cardinals elected to the papacy Cardinal Robert Prevost, a 69-year-old missionary who was born in Chicago,

spent time in the Holland area in his teens as a seminarian, spent his career ministering in Peru and took over the Vatican's powerful office of bishops.

Detroit Archbishop Edward Weisenburger noted at a Thursday press conference in Detroit that Prevost had Midwest roots, having studied at the now-defunct St. Augustine High School, a minor seminary, and then the Catholic Theological Union in Chi-

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Will Schurr be retried after mistrial?

Prosecutor weighs next step in fatal arrest of Black motorist

BY BETH LEBLANC, KARA BERG AND SARAH LEACH The Detroit News

Grand Rapids — Kent County's top prosecutor said he'll decide in the coming weeks whether to retry a former Grand Rapids police officer for second-degree murder after a mistrial was declared Thursday, but experts say it could be a challenging road ahead given the case's media attention and other factors.

Christopher Schurr, 34, was on trial in Kent County Circuit Court for the fatal shooting of Patrick Lyoya, 26, after a traffic stop in 2022. A jury deliberated for three and a half days but couldn't decide on a verdict before Judge Christina Mims declared a mistrial Thursday morning.

Prosecutor Chris Becker said he was disappointed by the trial's outcome but not surprised given the results of similar cases.

"This happens," Becker told reporters Thursday. "This happens quite a bit in general cases. But especially, if we look across the country,



Schurr

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Patrick Lyoya's mother, Dorcas, leaves court after the mistrial ruling Thursday.

CHET LEMON, 1955-2025

'84 Tigers hero brought dynamic defense, personality

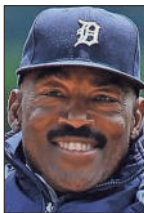
Parallel memories came to mind Thursday as word arrived that Chet Lemon, one of those centerpiece stars from the Tigers' last championship team, had died at 70.

First recollection: Tiger Stadium. Center field. A ball is lofted high into the heavens somewhere

within a square mile of Lemon's post, which was to quarterback the Tigers outfielders and take primary responsibility for anything hit his — or maybe their — way.

He glided nimbly. Got quickly to his target area. He would turn. Snare the ball. Then, completing his choreography,

would fling a silky throw to an awaiting infielder. Everything was done with confident grace — and trust from his teammates, manager, and, as many will attest, from his fans.



Lemon



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