



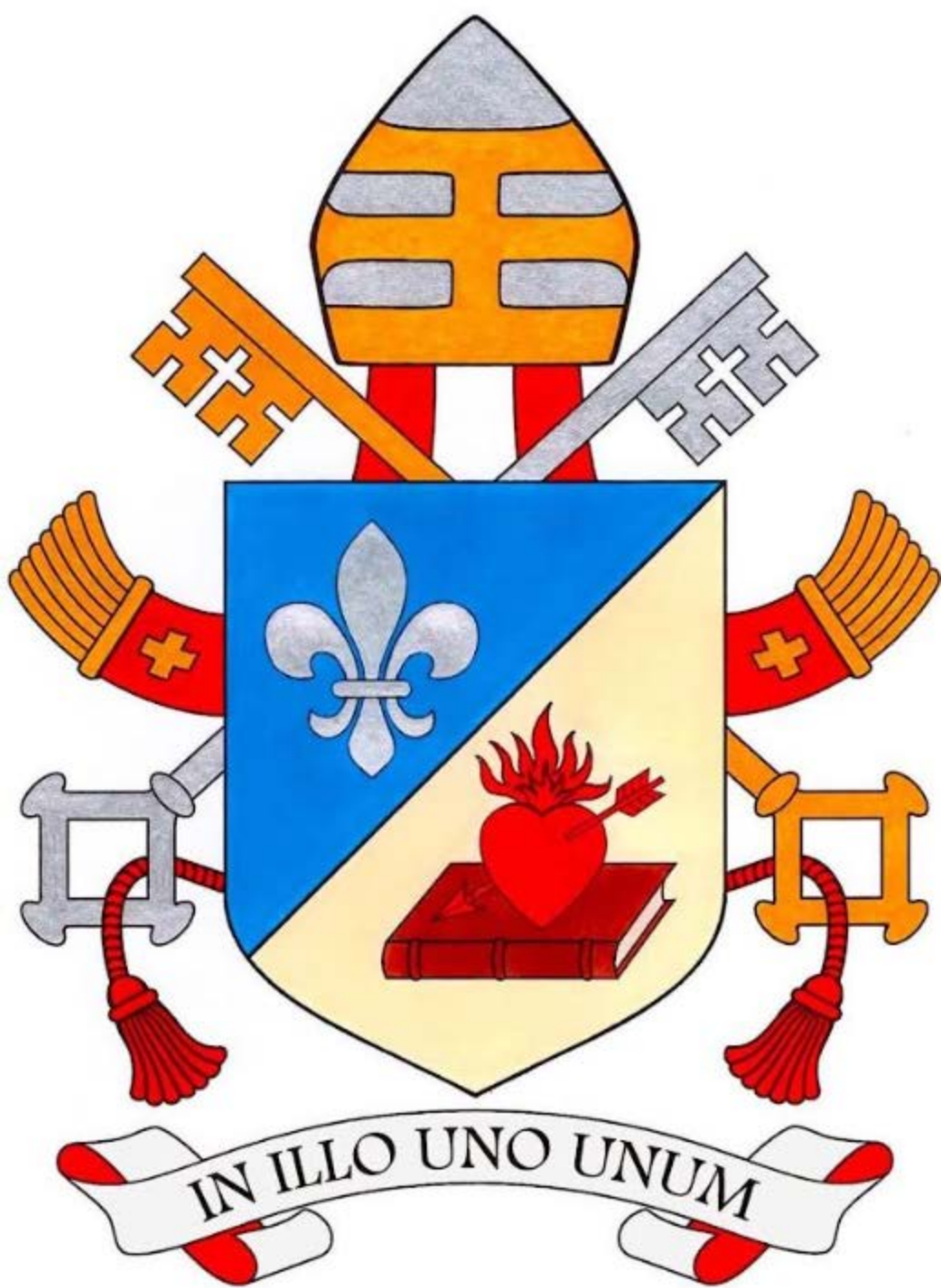
THE COAT OF ARMS OF POPE LEO XIV

Bishop of Rome & the 266th
Successor of Peter



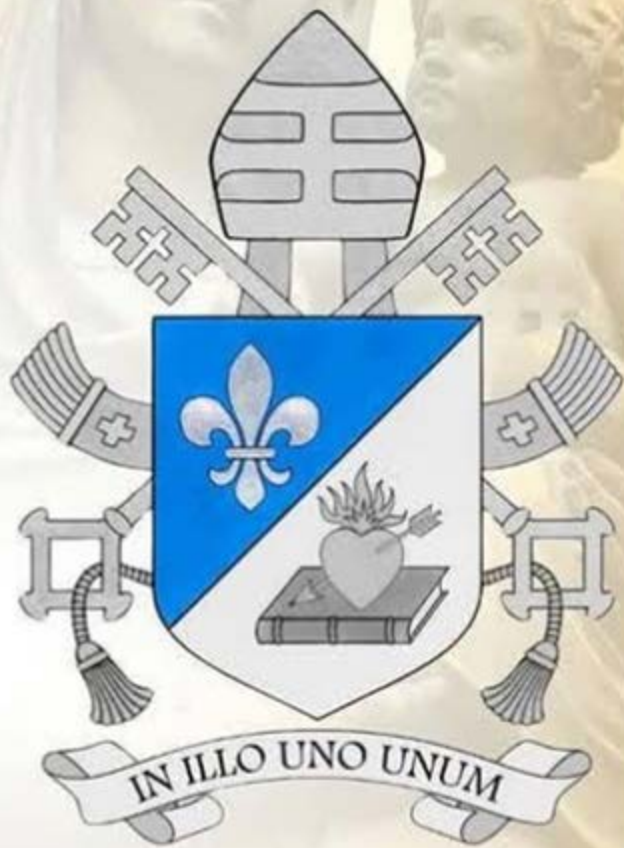
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A WHITE LILY (FLEUR DE LIS) ON A BLUE FIELD

Evokes the Blessed Virgin Mary, symbolizing her Immaculate purity, virginal innocence, and devoted fiat. This emblematic representation highlights the Pope's profound devotion to Our Lady, underscoring her role as a model of evangelical humility, perfect surrender to the Divine Will, and maternal intercession for the Church, inspiring the Pope's own faith, pastoral charity, and apostolic zeal.



SYMBOLS OF PAPAL DIGNITY

The same symbols used by his predecessor Francis - the mitre above (symbolizing papal authority) crossed keys of gold (representing spiritual power) and silver (representing temporal power), bound by a red cord (signifying unity and bond between spiritual and temporal aspects) - signify the authority entrusted to Peter's successor, representing the Pope's role as the supreme leader of the Church and his connection to the apostolic lineage.



THE AUGUSTINIAN EMBLEM

A flaming heart pierced by an arrow, resting atop a book that represents the Sacred Scriptures, symbolizing St. Augustine's transformative conversion through the illuminating power of divine grace. The heart ablaze with ardent love for God and neighbor signifies the fervor of divine charity, while the arrow represents the gentle yet piercing call of the Holy Spirit, guiding Augustine's journey to deeper faith and intimacy with the Sacred Heart of Christ. This rich symbolism points to the core of Augustinian spirituality: a deep interior life, love of neighbor, and pursuit of truth.



THE MOTTO

Drawn from the inspired commentary of Saint Augustine on Psalm 127, beautifully encapsulates the essence of his papal vision: "In Him who is One, we are one." These profound words reflect the Church's unity in doctrine and sacramental life, bound together by the profession of the same one true Faith, despite the frailties and divisions that mark its human dimension. This motto eloquently expresses the supernatural communion rooted in Christ's redeeming love, which fosters brotherhood, reconciliation, and evangelical charity, even amidst the most complex pastoral challenges. It is fitting that Pope Leo XIII underscored this vision of a Church as a bridge of salvation, called to transcend earthly divisions, facilitate encounters of mercy and forgiveness, and proclaim the Gospel of hope to all nations.

