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“LEO FROM CHICAGO”, VATICAN RADIO – VATICAN NEWS DOCUMENTARY ON POPE LEO’S AMERICAN ROOTS TO BE RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 10

At 6:00 p.m. the documentary will be published in three languages (English, Italian, Spanish) on Vatican News channels. A preview screening for journalists accredited to the Holy See Press Office, will take place in the Vatican Film Library, on Monday, November 10, at 4:00 p.m.

Vatican City – On the occasion of the six-month anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV, Vatican Radio – Vatican News is releasing *Leo from Chicago*, a documentary retracing the story, family roots, studies, and Augustinian vocation of Robert Francis Prevost in his native United States. The journey unfolds from his childhood in Dolton, through the memories of his brothers Louis and John, and continues among schools and universities, communities and parishes, featuring the voices of confreres, teachers, classmates, and longtime friends.

Leo from Chicago follows the June release of the documentary *León de Perú*, which focused on the future Pope’s missionary years in South America. It is produced by the Vatican’s Dicastery for Communication, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Chicago and Apostolado El Sembrador Nueva Evangelización (ESNE). It was produced by journalists Deborah Castellano Lubov, Salvatore Cernuzio, and Felipe Herrera-Espaliat, with editing by Jaime Vizcaíno Haro.

At 6:00 p.m. (Rome time) on Monday, November 10, the documentary will be published on the Vatican News YouTube channel in three languages (English, Italian, and Spanish) and distributed through other international media outlets. For accredited journalists of the Holy See Press Office, a preview screening is scheduled for Monday, November 10, at 4:00 p.m. (Rome time), in the Vatican Film Library.

ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

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