



The Redemptorist Provincialate,
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Dear Confreres, Sisters, Lay Missionaries, Associates, Friends & Benefactors,

The **Conclave** begins tomorrow, **Wednesday 7th May 2025**. Let us pray fervently for the Cardinals and the Church as we enter this important time.

We have two of our confreres, Cardinal Joseph Tobin CSsR (former Superior General) and Cardinal Mykola Bychok CSsR, (youngest man in the Conclave) voting in this Conclave, as well as three English men who will also vote; Cardinal Vincent Nichols, (Archbishop of Westminster) Cardinal Arthur Roche (Prefect of a Dicastery) and Cardinal Timothy Ratcliffe OP., (former Master of the Dominicans).

The two statements below ask for our prayers.

"We the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, gathered in General Congregation before the beginning of the Conclave, have noted with regret that no progress has been made in promoting the peace processes in Ukraine, the Middle East and in many other parts of the world, and that attacks have intensified especially against the civilian population. We [thus] make a heartfelt appeal to all parties involved to reach a permanent ceasefire as soon as possible and to negotiate, without preconditions and further delays, the peace long desired by the populations involved and by the entire world. We invite all the faithful to intensify their prayers to the Lord for a just and lasting peace." 6V2025

A message from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR

"Tomorrow, I will join with the other Cardinal Electors in fulfilling our sacred responsibility to elect a new pope. During this time, I will have no communication with anyone outside the Sistine Chapel's walls.

Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern God's will." 6V2025

God bless the Cardinals as they take up their 'sacred responsibility'.

Peace,

V Rev'd Fr Richard Reid CSsR
Provincial Superior

