

Pope embarks on debut overseas trip

Pope Leo XIV's first journey outside of Italy will see him travelling to Türkiye and Lebanon, where he is expected to make appeals for peace across the Middle East

NOV 27, ROME-ANKARA

- Pope arrives in Turkish capital
- Visits **Atatürk Mausoleum**
- Meets President **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** and members of civil society and diplomatic corps

NOV 28, ISTANBUL AND IZNIK

- Prays with Catholic bishops, priests and deacons at **Cathedral of the Holy Spirit** and visits nursing home in Istanbul
- Transfers by helicopter to Iznik to celebrate 1,700th anniversary of **Council of Nicaea**

NOV 29, ISTANBUL

- Visits **Blue Mosque**
- Meets privately with leaders of non-Catholic churches
- Joins Orthodox Patriarch **Bartholomew I** for doxology and signing of joint declaration
- Mass at **Volkswagen Arena**



NOV 30, ISTANBUL-LEBANON

- Prays at **Armenian Apostolic Cathedral**. Attends Divine Liturgy at **Patriarchal Church of St George**
- Lunch with Bartholomew I
- Travels to Beirut. Meets President **Joseph Aoun** and other dignitaries

DEC 1, LEBANON

- Visits tomb of **St Charbel Maklūf** in Annaya. Meets local clergy and Catholic patriarchs in Harissa
- Hosts ecumenical meeting at **Martyrs' Square** in Beirut
- Meets young people at **Maronite Patriarchate Square** in Bkerké

DEC 2, LEBANON-ROME

- Visits **De La Croix Hospital** in Jal El Dib
- Holds silent prayer at site of 2020 Beirut port explosion, followed by waterfront Mass
- Departs for Rome

