

Donald Trump says he's open to being the next Pope



AI generated image of Trump as the pope shared by the president on Truth Social. Donald Trump/Truth Social

Washington, May 4 (RHC)-- Social Media users have shared a wave of memes and jokes after U.S. President Donald Trump shared an AI generated image of himself as the pope via his Truth Social website over the weekend.

Pope Francis' successor is due to be selected by members of the College of Cardinals during a papal conclave that is due to begin on May 7 at the Vatican. While Trump and some supporters have joked about him becoming the next pope, he probably won't be selected because he is reportedly not Catholic.

One political observer quipped that Trump could possibly change his religion with a simple Executive Order and it would stand up in a court of law (lessness)!

A screenshot of Trump's pope post on Truth Social was shared on X by conservative commentator Laura Loomer who added: "President Trump just posted this on Truth Social. It comes after he told the media this week that he wants to be the next Pope."

In response to Loomer's post, one X user from Texas shared a different mocked up image of Trump as the Pope appearing on CNN, with the strapline "TRUMP DECLARES HIMSELF NEW POPE: 'NO ONE KNOWS MORE ABOUT POPING THAN ME.'"

Another X user shared an altered image which appeared to show orange smoke coming out of the Vatican, adding: "Well, it's been confirmed that President Trump will also be know a Pope Trump. There was orange smoke seen at the Vatican." The Vatican releases white smoke when a new pope has been elected.

A third X user posted what appeared to be an AI created image of Trump in religious garments blessing a cheeseburger. They wrote: "Pope Trump just canonized the 'Holy Cheeseburger' 'It's tremendous, folks—best saintly snack, believe me!'"

A parody account impersonating Trump's youngest son Barron also shared a screenshot of Trump's Truth Social post, adding: "Give Dad a Pope name?" Suggestions offered by other users included "Pope Magasus," "Pope Foolamus" and "Pope TRUMPendous the first."

On Tuesday, Trump was asked who he thought should be the next pope to which the president jokingly replied: "I'd like to be pope."

Republican Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina posted to X: "I was excited to hear that President Trump is open to the idea of being the next Pope. This would truly be a dark horse candidate, but I would ask the papal conclave and Catholic faithful to keep an open mind about this possibility! The first Pope-U.S. President combination has many upsides. Watching for white smoke.... Trump MMXXVIII!"

The Republicans Against Trump X account on Friday: "Donald Trump just posted a photo of himself as the Pope. It's full-on lunacy at this point."

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