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MEDIA FYI

President of Algeria Meets Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican



On Thursday, President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of Algeria was received by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV during an official visit to the Vatican. The meeting was followed by discussions with the Holy See's Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, and Monsignor Daniel Pacho of the Secretariat of State.

According to a statement released by the Holy See, the meetings highlighted "the good diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the Republic of Algeria" and included conversations on the life of the Church in Algeria, current geopolitical developments, and the role of interreligious dialogue and cultural collaboration in advancing peace and fraternity.

Algeria hosts enduring Catholic landmarks: the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa in Algiers, a focal point for Christian-Muslim unity; and the Basilica of Saint Augustine in Annaba, honoring a figure whose spiritual legacy shaped Western Christianity. St. Augustine, a native of Thagaste (now Souk Ahras), remains a powerful symbol of the country's plural cultural identity.

The visit reflects Algeria's ongoing engagement with international partners on matters of diplomacy, religious coexistence, and regional stability.

We are flagging this for your awareness given recent developments in North Africa and ongoing conversations around religious freedom, regional diplomacy, and U.S. engagement in the Maghreb.

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