

- He reworked education so that it was solely under the purview of the Church.

- He fully enforced antisemitic laws such as forbidding Jews from owning property or residing in the area only long enough to sell off their possessions. This resulted in the relocation of many Roman Jews to friendlier regions like Lombardy, Trieste and Tuscany.

- He revived Medieval practices like segregation and impressing marks upon individuals for easy identification..

Leo XIII [#256] {1878-1903}

Pope Leo XIII had a lasting interest in and admiration for the United States. He confirmed the decrees of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884 and elevated Archbishop Gibbons of that city to the cardinalate in 1886. In 1888, at the request of



Cardinal Gibbons, he took a favorable action towards the Knights of Labor, which earned him widespread approval.

In 1889, Pope Leo appointed a papal delegate, Monsignor Satolli, to represent him in Washington for the founding of the Catholic University of America. The Apostolic Delegation in Washington was established in 1892, and that same year, he issued an encyclical about Christopher Columbus.

In 1893, he contributed to the Chicago Exposition, celebrating the fourth centenary of America's discovery, by loaning valuable relics and sending Monsignor Satolli to represent him. In 1895, he addressed the hierarchy of the United States with his significant encyclical *Longinqua Oceani Spatia*. In 1898, he wrote a letter titled *Testem Benevolentiae* to Cardinal Gibbons addressing "Americanism." In 1902, he released another important letter.

As early as 1878, in his encyclical on the equality of all men, Pope Leo criticized the fundamental flaws of socialism. His encyclical *Rerum novarum*, published on May 18, 1891, presented Christian principles regarding the relationship between capital and labor, providing a strong impetus for the social Pope Leo XII was a hardly conservative Pope who had an uncompromising perspective on the direction of the Church and of society. paint an unpleasant picture of the man.

Leo XIV [#267] {2025-}

267th Pope, the first from the United States of America is the 14th Pope named Leo. His first words as Pope were: "We still hear in our ears the weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis who blessed us," he said. "United and hand in hand with God, let us advance together,"

