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Pope Leo XIV waves as he rides the popemobile around St. Peter's Square at the Vatican May 28, 2025, ahead of his second weekly general audience. (CNS/Lola Gomez)



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