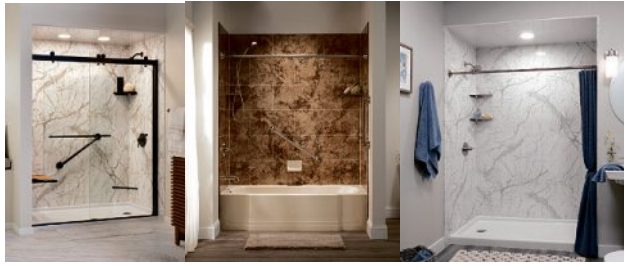


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1 year in, poll shows Catholics in U.S. approve of Leo XIV

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It's been nearly 1,000 years since King Henry IV stood barefoot in the Italian snow to beg forgiveness after clashes with Pope Gregory VII, and over two centuries since Napoleon imprisoned Pope Pius VII in France.

Now, a battle is underway between a pope and a world leader: the war of words between President Donald Trump and Pope Leo XIV. Their divide is believed to be one of the most contentious between the papacy and a secular leader in many years.

For dozens of U.S. Catholics interviewed by the USA TODAY Network across the nation, it's Leo who has the upper hand in the crusade. A year into his historic papacy, he has given them hope for the future of the Catholic Church.

Catholics nationwide feel overwhelmingly upbeat. Many say Leo is palpably different from Pope Francis, with an everyman affability they believe is helping fuel a global resurgence in Catholicism – especially among the young.

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Pope Leo XIV's firm push for peace amid the war with Iran has rankled President Donald Trump, igniting sparks at times that have tested the loyalties of conservative Catholics.

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Canandaigua considers cannabis pop-up events

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The town of Canandaigua prohibited the legal sale of cannabis within its borders when it opted out of state legislation several years ago, but what about temporary pop-up sales of products?

Ian Boni, owner of Twisted Rail Brewing Co. and Twisted Cannabis FLX, wants the town to sign off on allowing state-approved Cannabis Showcase Events at Star Cider in Canandaigua on select weekends and coinciding with summer concerts at nearby Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center, or CMAC.

Members of the Canandaigua Town Board are expected to discuss and may vote on Boni's request May 18.

Canandaigua Town Supervisor Don Cotter said he has no idea how a vote will go, but expects a thorough discussion.

"I've encouraged Ian to come prepared to answer any and all questions, and we'll see how it goes," Cotter said.

Designed around safety, regulation and community standards, the proposed showcase brings New York agriculture, tourism and licensed cannabis together in a professionally managed environment, Boni said in a text.

The proposed events are not intended to alter existing zoning or local retail cannabis policies within the town.

"You're not allowing a permanent retail cannabis store," Boni said.

What are the rules for a Cannabis Showcase Event?

Here's what the state has to say about Cannabis Showcase Events, applications for which opened in early May.

According to the state Office of Cannabis Management, licensed adult-use dispensaries like Twisted Cannabis FLX are allowed to partner with licensed cultivators and processors to showcase and sell adult-use cannabis

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Hantavirus case investigated by officials in Ontario County

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Ontario County health officials are investigating a suspected case of locally acquired hantavirus in Hopewell, public health officials confirmed on Thursday, May 14.

The county stated that the case is not connected to the current outbreak on the MV Hondius, a cruise ship traveling in the Atlantic Ocean operated by the Netherlands-based operator Oceanwide Expeditions.

There is no risk to the general public, the county states.

"It is not the department's usual practice to provide a press release in this scenario, but with the current cruise ship outbreak, the influence of social media, and perceived public anxiety, I feel it is prudent to address the current investigation and reassure the community," Ontario County Public Health Director Kate Ott said in the press release.

According to the New York State Department of Health, hantavirus disease is caused by several different strains of hantaviruses, which are typically found in rodents around the world.

The virus typically spreads through the urine, feces or saliva of infected rodents; it can also occur through less

common rodent bites, according to the World Health Organization.

Ontario County stated that human hantavirus infections in New York are uncommon, with there being only a handful of cases in the state since reporting became mandatory in 1995.

There are multiple types of hantaviruses, and those that have been found in the United States can not be transmitted from person to person. The only type of hantavirus known to be able to transmit between people is known as the Andes virus, which is the type that the WHO has confirmed to be at the center of the

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A test tube labelled "Hantavirus negative" is held in this illustration taken May 7. DADO RUVIC/REUTERS

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