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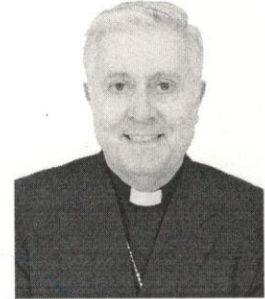
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TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE HIERARCHY

Sub: Appointment of new Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal

Your Eminence,
Your Grace,
Your Excellency,



In the light of the Communication received from the Apostolic Nunciature, I wish to inform you that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed **H. E. Most Rev. Giambattista DIQUATTRO**, till now Apostolic Nuncio in Bolivia, as the new Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal.

This ecclesiastical provision was made public in Rome on **Saturday, 21st January, 2017**, at noon local time, corresponding to **16:30 hours**, Indian Standard Time.

The Most Reverend Giambattista Diquattro was born in Bologna (Italy) on March 18, 1954. He was ordained a priest in Ragusa on August 24, 1981. He received his Master's Degree in civil law from the University of Catania, his Doctorate in Canon Law (JCD) from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, and his Master's Degree in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He joined the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See on May 1, 1985, serving continuous missions in the Pontifical Representations in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chad, the United Nations (in New York), and later in the Secretariat of State of His Holiness – Section for Relations with States, and in the Apostolic Nunciature in Italy.

On April 2, 2005, Saint John Paul II appointed him Titular Archbishop of Giromonte and Apostolic Nuncio to Panama. His Episcopal Ordination took place on June 4, 2005, in the cathedral of Ragusa, and he began his mission in Panama on July 12, 2005.

On November 21, 2008, he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Bolivia.

He is fluent in French, Spanish and English.

We thank God for the gift of Most Reverend Diquattro to the Church in India and assure him our collaboration and prayers.

Assuring you of my prayers,

Yours Sincerely in Our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas SFX
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