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New Apostolic Nuncio for Australia

The Holy See has announced that Archbishop Ambrose B. De Paoli is to be the new Apostolic Nuncio to Australia.

Archbishop De Paoli was born in the United States of America in 1934 and was ordained a priest in 1960.

He entered the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See in 1966 and served in the Apostolic Nunciatures in Zambia, Venezuela, Canada and in the Secretariat of State, Vatican City.

In 1983 Archbishop De Paoli was appointed Titular Archbishop of Lares and Apostolic Nuncio to Sri Lanka.

He has also served in South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia. Since 1997, Archbishop De Paoli has served as Apostolic Nuncio to Japan.

Archbishop De Paoli speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish.

The date of his arrival is yet to be confirmed. It is expected to be some time in the first months of 2005.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President, Archbishop Francis Carroll welcomed the new appointment.

“I am delighted that the Holy See has named Australia’s new Apostolic Nuncio,” he said.

“I look forward to warmly welcoming Archbishop De Paoli to Canberra upon his arrival in Australia and to working with him as he carries out his duties here.”

Apostolic Nuncios and their staff serve as both the ambassador of the Holy See in their host nation and as the representative of the Pope to his Church in that nation.

Archbishop De Paoli will join Monsignor Francisco Padilla, the Charge d’Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature in Canberra.

Archbishop De Paoli replaces Archbishop Francesco Canalini who left Australia in October to become Apostolic Nuncio to Switzerland and Liechtenstein.