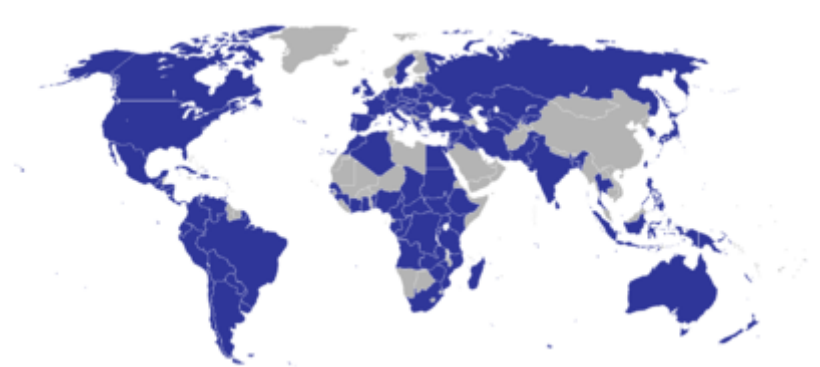


List of diplomatic missions of the Holy See

This is a **list of diplomatic missions of the Holy See**. Since the fifth century, long before the founding of the Vatican City State in 1929, papal envoys (now known as nuncios) have represented the Holy See to foreign potentates. Additionally, papal representatives known not as nuncios but as apostolic delegates ensure contact between the Holy See and the Catholic Church in countries that do not have diplomatic relations with the Holy See.



Countries hosting diplomatic missions of the Holy See

At present, there is one residential apostolic delegate, for Jerusalem and Palestine, as well as non-residential ones for five countries (Brunei, Laos, Mauritania, Somalia, and Vietnam) and for the territories and countries without diplomatic relations in three regions (Arabian Peninsula, the Caribbean, the Pacific Ocean). The head of the apostolic delegation for Vietnam is described in the *Annuario Pontificio* not as an apostolic delegate but generically as a papal representative.^[1] In keeping with the "one China" policy, no representative, whether nuncio or apostolic delegate, is appointed for mainland China, and the Holy See is represented in Taipei by an apostolic nunciature, headed not by a nuncio, but only by a *chargé d'affaires*. Many countries, such as the United States, for which apostolic delegates were once appointed, now have nuncios.

In addition to the countries mentioned above as having apostolic delegations, the following nations do not have diplomatic relations with the Holy See: Afghanistan, Bhutan, People's Republic of China, North Korea, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Tuvalu.^[2]

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In most respects the status of the diplomatic missions of the Holy See are identical with those of other countries, with the exception of the nomenclature: apostolic nuncios have ambassadorial rank and apostolic nunciatures are ranked as embassies. However, in most countries of central and western Europe and of central and southern America, as well as in a few countries elsewhere, the nuncio is

granted precedence over other ambassadors and is dean of the diplomatic corps from the moment he presents his credentials. The Holy See, which does not issue visas, does not have consulates.

Apostolic delegates and their missions do not have diplomatic status.

In countries where that is permitted, the apostolic nunciature is sometimes, though rarely, located outside the capital, perhaps in towns with particularly important religious connections, such as the village of Rabat in Malta where Saint Paul's grotto exists, and Harissa in Lebanon where Maronite, Greek Orthodox and Melkite Greek Catholic Church authorities are located. In other countries that is not permitted: when India opened diplomatic relations with the Holy See, what until that moment was an apostolic delegation moved from Bangalore to the capital, New Delhi; and in Australia the mission moved from Sydney to Canberra.

Listed below are the Holy See's apostolic nunciatures, apostolic delegations, and observer or representative missions to international governmental organizations — such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the Arab League — with the names of the head officials, postal and e-mail addresses, telephone numbers etc., in the Annuario Pontificio^[3]

Africa

-  Algeria
 - Algiers (Apostolic Nunciature)
-  Angola
 - Luanda (Apostolic Nunciature)
-  Benin
 - Cotonou (Apostolic Nunciature)
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-  Chad
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-  Republic of the Congo
 - Brazzaville (Apostolic Nunciature)
-  Democratic Republic of the Congo
 - Kinshasa (Apostolic Nunciature)
-  Cote d'Ivoire
 - Abidjan (Apostolic Nunciature)
-  Egypt
 - Cairo (Apostolic Nunciature)
-  Ethiopia
 - Addis Ababa (Apostolic Nunciature)
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-  Ghana
 - Accra (Apostolic Nunciature)


















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-  Uruguay
 - Montevideo (Apostolic Nunciature)
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Apostolic Nunciature in London

























Apostolic Nunciature in Montevideo



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