

APOSTOLIC DELEGATION



The Apostolic Delegation from the Catholic Church is a top-level diplomatic mission assigned by the Holy See sent to a specific country. Diplomatically, the Apostolic Delegation (later Apostolic Nuncio) is considered equivalent to an ambassador, and often carries the ecclesial title Archbishop. The Delegate or Nuncio works closely with the country's Archdiocese, and is by custom by the Dean of the diplomatic corps.

In 1900, a Papal Legation with the rank of Apostolic Delegation was established in the Philippines. They took residence at 2140 Taft Avenue, Malate, Manila since 1902.

On August 9, 1951 the Vatican promoted the Papal Legation in the Philippines to the status of Apostolic Nunciature (Apostolic Nuncio). Though the official residence of the Nuncio is situated within the vicinity of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila, it is not subject to the authority of the Archbishop of Manila.

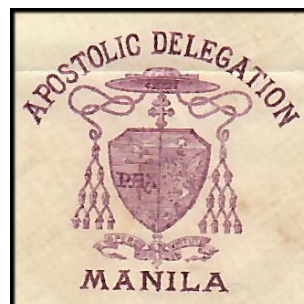
A total of seven Apostolic Delegates were appointed to the Philippines between 1900 and 1951, as follows:

- Placide Louise Chapelle (1900 – 1901)
- Donato Sbarretti (September 16, 1901 – December 26, 1902)
- Giovanni Battista Guidi (1902 – June 27, 1904)
- Ambrose Aguis, O.S.B. (August 24, 1904 – December 13, 1911)
- Joseph Petrelli (1911 – 1921)
- Guglielmo Piani, S.D.B. (March 17, 1922 – October 5, 1948)
- Egidio Vagnozzi (March 9, 1949 – August 9, 1951)



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