



## Russian president accepts credentials of Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic as apostolic nuncio

On July 14, 2011, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev accepted credentials of ambassadors from several states including the Vatican's Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, *Interfax-Religion* has reported. During the ceremony, the head of the Russian State pointed a development in relations between Russia and the Vatican

'Russia's historical ties with the Holy See are dynamically developing, now in the format of official diplomatic relations', said the president accepting the credentials of the head of the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

According to Mr. Medvedev, the cooperation between the two states is distinguished by their close stands 'on a considerable part of issues including questions of moral and legal priorities which are used in relations between the two states'.

'It is my conviction that on this basis we can do much for the development and broadening of the space of contacts between representatives of various religious confessions and cultures for solving the most acute humanitarian problems of today', the president added.

Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic was appointed as apostolic nuncio to the Russian Federation in February 2011. Earlier he headed the Vatican's diplomatic mission in Ukraine. He replaced in the present office Archbishop Antonio Mennini.

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