CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI)
CBCI Centre, 1 Ashok Place, New Delhi - 110 001, India

Your Eminence/ Beatitude/ Grace/ Excellency,

In accordance with the communique (N. 12682/26/1N) received from the Apostolic Nunciature, may I inform you that His Holiness, Pope **LEO XIV** has appointed His Excellency Archbishop **WALDEMAR STANISTAW SOMMERTAG**, until now Apostolic Nuncio to Senegal, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau and Mauritania, as Apostolic Nuncio to India.



Archbishop Sommertag was born in Więcbork, Poland, on 6 February 1968 and ordained a priest for the Diocese of Pelplin on 30 May 1993. In 2000, he completed his studies in diplomacy at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy and in canon law at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome.

He entered the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See on 1 July 2000 and served in the Pontifical Representations in Tanzania (2000–2003); Nicaragua (2003–2005); Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro (2005–2010); and Israel, Palestine and Cyprus (2010–2013). From 2013 to 2018, he served in the Secretariat of State - Section for Relations with States as Private Secretary to the Secretary for Relations with States (Foreign Minister of the Holy See).

On 15 February 2018, he was appointed Titular Archbishop of Maastricht and Apostolic Nuncio to Nicaragua. He received episcopal ordination from Pope Francis on 19 March 2018 in St Peter's Basilica. On 6 September 2022, he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Senegal, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau and Mauritania, where he served until his present appointment.

Msgr. Andrea Francia, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Apostolic Nunciature, invites you to join him in commending Archbishop Sommertag to the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as he concludes his current mission and prepares to assume his new responsibilities in India.

This provision is made public in Rome on Saturday, the 14th day of November 2026, at 12 noon, and at Apostolic Nunciature, New Delhi and the CBCI Centre New Delhi at 4:30 p.m., Indian Standard Time.

Yours respectfully in Christ,

Fr. Mathew Koyickal
Deputy Secretary General

Encl: Letter From the Apostolic Nuncio-Designate