
[H.E Ambassador Nega Tsegaye presents his credentials to his holiness Pope Francis](#)

Ethiopia's Ambassador to the Holy See, H.E Nega Tsegaye, was received at the Vatican Apostolic Palace where he presented his letters of credence to his holiness Pope Francis, on 15th may, 2014.

During the ceremony, his holiness mentioned Addis Ababa as the capital City of Africa, and blessed the Ethiopian People.



Ambassador Nega Tsegaye in his part expressed his gratitude to his holiness for receiving him and confirmed

his commitment to further strengthen the existing cordial relationship between Ethiopia and the Holy See.

His holiness in his address to the newly accredited group of Ambassadors expressed the Holy See's determination to work together in partnership with the diplomatic corps and the entire international community to pursue justice and peace on the basis of universally recognized principles of human rights, and promised the new Ambassadors that the church's universal governing structures are at their disposal in the discharge of their mission.

Ambassador Nega Tsegaye subsequently met with Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietrol Parolin. The parties discussed upon the long standing, historical and good relations between the Holy See and Ethiopia. The Secretary of State expressed the commitment of the Holy See to support the Ethiopian Catholic church's ongoing construction of the University in Addis Ababa aimed to fulfil the higher education needs of the country.

In addition, they discussed on the principal regional and continental issues, exchanged views related to the concerns of conflicts in South Sudan and elsewhere in Africa. Ambassador Nega briefed the Secretary of State on the role Ethiopia is playing, to bring peace and stability to the Horn of Africa

and beyond. Ethiopia's vision is to make poverty history and attain middle income status by 2025, Ambassador Nega added.

Ambassador Nega also met with Secretary for relations with States, Archbishop Dominique Mamberti and discussed issues of bilateral relations between Ethiopia and the Holy See.

During his stay in Vatican City, Ambassador Nega visited the Ethiopian college Seminary and held discussions with the Archbishop of the Ethiopian Catholic Church, Abune Birhane Eyesus and the leadership of the college.

Ambassador Nega Tsegaye is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Republic of France with accreditation to the kingdom of Spain, Portugal, Tunisia and the Holy See and permanent delegate to UNESCO.
