

# Obama nominates Latino professor as Vatican envoy: Miguel H. Diaz

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President Obama has nominated Latino theologian Miguel H. Diaz as the next U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. Diaz is a professor of theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University in Minnesota.

If the May 27 nomination is approved by the Senate, Diaz, 45, would be the ninth ambassador and the first Latino in the post since Washington and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations in 1984.

The Cuban native is a board member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and a past president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States.