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**PONTIFICAL COLLEGE
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Apostolic Nuncio to Lecture at Josephinum

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Pontifical College Josephinum is pleased to announce that His Excellency, The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States and Chancellor of the Josephinum, will present the Pio Cardinal Laghi Lecture on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Archbishop Pierre will speak on “The Priest the Church Needs Today” at 7:00 pm in the Jessing Center on the Josephinum campus at 7625 North High Street.

“It is an honor for the Josephinum to welcome one of the Holy See’s most distinguished and respected diplomats to its campus,” said Dr. Perry Cahall, Academic Dean. “As a pontifical institution, the Josephinum is immediately subject to the Holy See, through the Apostolic Nuncio who serves as our Chancellor. For this reason, we feel an even greater sense of privilege to have Archbishop Pierre speak on a topic which directly impinges upon the guiding mission and daily work of the seminary.”

A native of Rennes, France, Archbishop Pierre was ordained to the priesthood in 1970 and is the Titular Archbishop of Gunela. He has previously served as Nuncio to Haiti (1995-1999), Uganda (1999-2007) and Mexico (2007-2015). He was appointed Nuncio to the United States by Pope Francis in 2016. An apostolic nuncio is the pope’s personal representative in a country that has full diplomatic relations with the Holy See.

“It is a distinct privilege to welcome our Nuncio and Chancellor to the Josephinum,” said Reverend Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, rector/president. “His upcoming lecture is highly anticipated by our entire seminary community.”

The Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair was inaugurated at the Pontifical College Josephinum in 1992 in honor of Pio Cardinal Laghi, then Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. American cardinals and presidents of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promoted the funding of this chair in recognition of Cardinal Laghi’s dedicated

service to the Catholic Church in the United States. Past Laghi Chair lecturers include: The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop of the Military Services; The Most Reverend J. Augustine DiNoia, OP, Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; and Dr. Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University.

The lecture and reception following are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, please call the Academic Dean's office at 614-9852274.