

Appointment of Papal Extraordinary Envoy for the Asian Mission Congress

Pope Benedict XVI

To Our Venerable Brother Cardinal Crescenzo Sepe of the Holy Roman Church Metropolitan Archbishop of Naples



Led by pastoral charity, We who have been appointed by God's will as successor of Saint Peter, responsible for all the Churches, are looking with great hope for the people of Asia, both for those who have already heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and are faithfully following His teachings, and those still waiting for the messengers of the Gospel, sent to bring the Good News to the poor and to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord (cfr Lk 4:18-19).

We were informed about the coming Asian Mission Congress in Thailand. We are very happy about the holding of this momentous event. We join the Pastors and the Christian people there in Our heart and mind, sending to them Our good wishes.

We have willingly accepted the request of Our Venerable Brother H.E. Michael Cardinal Michai Kitbunchu, Archbishop of Bangkok. He has requested that a Cardinal be sent as Our official delegate to represent Us at the Mission Congress. We believe that you would be most appropriate as Our official envoy. The Cardinal himself has even suggested your name because of your missionary experiences. We therefore by this letter appoint you as the **Papal Extraordinary Envoy** for the Asian Mission Congress in

Chiangmai, Thailand, to be held from 19-22 of October of this year.

Therefore, You will be Our official Representative for this momentous event in Thailand. You will also preside at the Liturgical celebrations and give the homily explaining the importance of this Congress and relay Our love to this beloved part of the Church in Asia. You will also welcome members of other faiths and religions in Our name.

On Our part, Venerable Brother, We entrust your delegation to the Immaculate Virgin Mary. We implore Her to protect the peoples of this great Continent and to recommend them to Her Son, asking Him to grant them spiritual consolation in abundance.

Finally, We bestow upon you a special Apostolic Blessing as a token of heavenly grace and as a testimony of Our good will, and in Our name, to all the participants of this Asian Mission Congress with great affection to all.

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A.D. 2006, the second year of Our Pontificate.

Benedictus PP. XVI.



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