Statement of Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford

With profound sentiments of esteem, admiration, and gratitude for Archbishop Pietro Sambi, we voice our appreciation for his outstanding leadership and service as Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America. In an address on our Archdiocesan radio station here in Hartford, I reminded our people of how privileged we have been by the exemplary character of his work.

He was clearly blessed by Almighty God with high intelligence, acute qualities of judgment, strong grasp of the large issues facing our times, and pervasive love for the Church.

We join in the communion of our brothers and sisters in the United States and across the world, together with Pope Benedict XVI, in praying that Archbishop Sambi may praise God now in the joy of all eternity and continue to intercede for all of us.

+ Henry J. Mansell