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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today the appointment of Dr. John Everett Robbins as first Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican. Dr. Robbins is the present Editor-in-Chief of the Encyclopedia Canadiana and former President of Brandon University.

Mgr. Emanuele Clarizio, at present Apostolic Delegate in Ottawa, will be the first Papal Pro-Nuncio in Canada and as such will rank as an Ambassador and will be a member of the Diplomatic Corps.

The Government of Canada and the Vatican are confident that this step will contribute to their mutual understanding and to exchanges of views between them on international matters of common concern.