

# *Pope Francis names Trump critic and immigrant rights defender as Archbishop of Washington, D.C.*

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The Vatican, January 9 (RHC)-- Pope Francis has appointed an outspoken Trump critic, liberal Cardinal Robert McElroy, as the next archbishop of Washington, D.C., just two weeks ahead of Trump's inauguration.

Cardinal McElroy has condemned Trump's anti-immigrant positions, including his vow to carry out mass deportations. McElroy has also called for the Catholic Church to be more welcoming to LGBTQ members.

Meanwhile, Trump has tapped Brian Burch, the leader of the right-wing Catholic advocacy group CatholicVote, to be U.S. ambassador to the Vatican.

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