

## Seattle archbishop retires; Joliet bishop named successor

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On the wire this morning:

### **Archbishop Brunett of Seattle retires; Joliet bishop named successor**

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI has accepted Seattle Archbishop Alex J. Brunett's resignation and appointed Bishop J. Peter Sartain of Joliet, Ill., as his successor.

The changes were publicized in Washington Sept. 16 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop Brunett, who was named to Seattle in 1997, is 76 years old. Under canon law, bishops must submit their retirement at age 75.

Archbishop Sartain, who is 58, has headed the Joliet Diocese since 2006. Before that he was the bishop of Little Rock, Ark., for about six years.

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