



RADIO VATICANA

Vatican City, 21st November 2008

In re: Letter to the radio stations re-broadcasting Vatican Radio's programmes through the Intelsat satellite, 801 @ 328.5° E. AOR (Atlantic Region).

Dear colleagues and friends,

I have to inform you that "Telespazio S.p.A", our provider concerning the feeding of Vatican Radio's programmes through the satellite, due to technical reasons, needs to change the existing satellite coordinates of Intelsat AOR.

Therefore, the broadcast services currently operated via the Intelsat satellite, 801 @ 328.5° E (AOR) will move to the **Intelsat 907 @ 332.5° E (AOR)**, 4161.705 MHz (Channels A1 – A2), 4161.155 MHz (Channel A3), LHCP, as from January 10th, 2009.

Therefore, even your radio station has to re-point its antenna over the new Intelsat satellite 907 @ 332.5° E (AOR), according to your location.

The moving from the Intelsat 801 @ 328.5° E to Intelsat 907 @ 332.5° E is carried out in a smooth way, throughout a dual feed on both the satellites for a period of 40 days approx., in order to minimize eventual uneasiness from the receiving stations. Consequently, you have to complete the passage to the new satellite by **10th January 2009**. As from this date, the satellite Intelsat 801 @ 328.5° E will be switched off.

To calculate the new pointing data of your antenna, we invite you to follow Telespazio procedure, available at the following address: www.telespazio.it (select "Business Services" on the right side of the Telespazio's homepage and, then, click onto "Vatican Radio"). A simple program, issued by Intelsat, to help you in calculating the new pointing data, is provided along with the procedure.

Telespazio has activated a help desk remote service for all the technical needs that receiving stations may have. This service, which will be operating until 10th January 2009, is available 7 days per week, 24 hrs. per day, at the following telephone number: +39 0863 550 231/233.

In addition, in case of need, Vatican Radio's Technical Dept. is at your disposal for additional information and requirements on the matter. The contact person is Mr. Paolo Folco (Monday – Friday, from 7.00 to 16.30 hrs. UTC), telephone +39 06 698 83394, mobile +39 335 1046029, p.folco@vatrd.org

These are the modalities concerning the activation of the new broadcast service. I apologize that in such a short time (only after one year) we have to proceed with further satellite changes. This depends on technical reasons not dependent on Vatican Radio.

I also confirm that the International Relations Office of Vatican Radio (telephone +39 06 698 83945, fax +39 06 698 83237, relint@vatiradio.va) is always ready to meet your requirements concerning the cooperation in re-broadcasting our programmes.

Yours truly,

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