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In the newly formed Czechoslovak Republic, the Catholic Church lost the position it had in the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. It was necessary to change almost the entire Church structure, replace the majority of the bishopric, establish new church schools and find a new way of coexistence of church and state. A papal nunciature was established in Prague and an embassy of the Czechoslovak Republic was established in Rome. The first Vatican nuncio, Clemente Micara, was sent to Prague, where he worked there for less than four years. His task was to carry out the necessary changes proposed by the Vatican to strengthen the position of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia, and his mission was successful.