Schede: Vatican Radio to leave Medium Waves over Rome

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On 1st December 2016, just a few days before Christmas, Vatican Radio would leave both Medium Wave frequencies now covering Rome and neighboring region on 585 and 1260 kHz, Italradio is informed. Both Italian and foreign languages affected. FM and DAB covering insufficient to substitute MW.

Vatican Radio transformation into a multimedia production centre seems not to leave much space to broadcasting, even within the eternal city. 585 kHz disappearing would leave areas of the Italian capital and a vast region in Central Italy without a viable signal from the Vatican. 1260 kHz closing would especially affect foreigners living in Rome.

Listeners confirm both FM (105.00 MHz in Italian, 93.30 and 103.80 MHz in other languages) and DAB are not able to cover all the area as MW are now doing. Even in Rome (South to South-West) some areas are not reached by FM service and DAB is only marginally known by listeners.

Italradio express deep sorrow about a self limitation of what should grant freedom to the message of the centre of Catholicism in Rome.