His Holiness Patriarchal Kirill greets DECR chairman with 30th anniversary of his ordination into priesthood

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia sent a message of greetings to Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, on the 30th anniversary of his ordination into priesthood. The text of the message is given below.

His Eminence Hilarion

Metropolitan of Volokolamsk

Chairman

Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate

Permanent member

Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church

Your Eminence,

I cordially greet you with the 30th anniversary of your ordination into priesthood.

The All-Generous God granted unto you various talents that you diligently multiply for the glory of His holy name. Striving to be a zealous steward of Christ's Vineyard and showing an exemplary commitment to the obediences entrusted to you by the Supreme Authority, you make your contribution to the witness of the eternal Gospel truths before the world, strive to strengthen the inter-Orthodox relations, carry out the dialogue with non-Orthodox Churches, and improve the theological education.

Prayerfully wishing you spiritual and bodily strength, God's help and every success in your further ministry for the good of the Holy Church, I remain

with love in Jesus Christ,

+KIRILL

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