



## Metropolitan Hilarion meets with Primate of Colombia

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On June 13, 2012, DECR Chairman Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk met with Archbishop Ruben Salazar Gomez of Bogota, Primate of Colombia and President of the Colombian Bishops' Conference, who was in Russia for a private visit.

During the talk, which was held in a friendly atmosphere, His Eminence Hilarion informed his guest about the situation of Russian expatriates in Colombia and the pastoral work carried out by the Russian Orthodox Church in that country. He also highlighted the present state of relations between the Moscow Patriarchate and the Roman Catholic Church.

Archbishop Salazar Gomez, on his part, shared impressions of his visits to holy places in Moscow and St. Petersburg and thanked the Russian Church for assistance in organizing his trip to Russia. He also expressed readiness for developing cooperation with the Moscow Patriarchate in the cause of defending traditional Christian values in societal life.

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