



Russian Orthodox delegation attends international meeting in Assisi

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On October 27, 2011, a day of reflection, dialogue and prayer for peace and justice in the world was held in Assisi, Italy, under the motto 'Pilgrims of Truth, Pilgrims of Peace'.

Over 300 representatives of Christian churches and communities and representatives of other religions took part in the meeting to express their solidarity in seeking peaceful co-existence among the civilizations and peoples.

There were no common prayers. Brief remarks by participants alternated with moments of quiet, music or silent reflection, in which adherents of atheistic humanism also took part.

The dialogue focused on challenges of today's world, the need for people of good will to unite their efforts in opposing the destructive impact of various forms of violence, discrimination, militant secularism, economic instability and fundamentalism.

The Russian Orthodox Church was represented by Metropolitan Filaret of Minsk and Slutsk, Patriarchal Exarch for All Belarus, Metropolitan Alexander of Astana and All Kazakhstan, Bishop Vladimir of Dneprodzerzhinsk and Tsaritsyno, Archpriest Dimitry Sizonenko DECR secretary for inter-Christian relations, Archpriest Nikolay Danilevich, secretary of the DECR's pilgrimage center, Father Anthony (Sevryuk), secretary of the Moscow Patriarchate's parishes in Italy, Archpriest Igor Vyzhanov of the church of St. Catherine in Rome, Archpriest Nikolay Korzhich, secretary of the Minsk diocesan administration, Victor Shevtsov, secretary to the Patriarchal Exarch for All Belarus, and Deacon Alexy Dikarev of the DECR secretariat for inter-Christian relations.

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