



## **Patriarch Kirill meets with Polish Ambassador Wojciech Zajączkowski**

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On March 30, 2011, the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church met with Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Russian Federation Wojciech Zajączkowski.

In response to Patriarch Kirill's welcoming remarks, Mr. Zajączkowski thanked His Holiness for the opportunity to meet. Speaking about the life of the Orthodox community in his country and the work of the Polish Orthodox Church, he noted, 'I and my country's authorities are convinced that the Church has a great authority in today's world including Poland and can promote contacts between our nations'. The Polish ambassador also shared his impressions of the celebrations on the Day of Orthodoxy observed on the first Sunday of Lent.

During their talk, Patriarch Kirill reminded his guest that Russia and Poland were countries with a strong Christian tradition and said, 'We have many things in common and we should use the existing potential for reconciling our two nations'.

They also discussed the forthcoming anniversary of the Polish President's death in a plane crash and the participation of church representatives in the commemoration event.

His Holiness Kirill also expressed hope that the Russia-Poland Dialogue Forum of the civil societies would broaden its work.

The meeting was held in a warm atmosphere.

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