

brought her valuable contribution to the development of this cooperation.

“In consideration of your long work for the good of the Russian Orthodox Church and in connection with your 80th birthday, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia awarded you the Order of St. Princess Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles, 3rd class,” the DECR chairman said and wished Marquise Solaro del Borgo good health, peace, prosperity and God’s help for many good years.

Marquise Immacolata Solaro del Borgo cordially thanked His Holiness the Patriarch and Metropolitan Hilarion for high appreciation of her modest work aimed at the improvement of relations between the Roman Catholic and the Russian Orthodox Churches.

Taking part in the awarding ceremony were Archbishop Antonio Mennini, the Apostolic Nuncio to the Russian Federation; the first counsellor of the Embassy of the Order of Malta to the Russian Federation Nicola Savoretti; Rev. Dimitry Sizonenko, DECR acting secretary for Inter-Christian relations; and nuns of the Convent of St. John the Baptist.

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