## Metropolitan Hilarion meets with Archbishop of Vilnius Cardinal Bačkis

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On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, currently in Lithuania with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and at the invitation of the Catholic Episcopal Conference of Lithuania, visited the Catholic Archbishopric of Vilnius and met with Archbishop-Metropolitan Cardinal Audrys Juozas Bačkis after visiting the Cathodral Basilica of St. Stanislaus.

Taking part in the meeting were Auxiliary Bishop of Vilnius and rector of the Cathedral Arūnas Poniškaitis, chancellor of the Vilnius Archdiocese Rev. Robertas Šalašavicus, Rev. Saulus Rumšas; archpriest Vladimir Seliavko, secretary of the Vilnius-Lithuania diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church, hieromonk Ioann (Guaita), a staff member of DECR secretariat for Inter-Christian relations, and hierodeacon Ioann (Kopeikin), assistant to the DECR chairman.

They discussed a wide range of questions of cooperation between the Orthodox and the Catholics in Lithuania.

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