Participants in Russian-Polish youth seminar visit St. Sergius' Laura of the Trinity

A Russian-Polish youth seminar took place from July 5 to 7, 2010, in Moscow, under the theme 'Russia and Poland Today and Tomorrow: A View of the Younger Generation'. It was attended by members of the public, young scientists, students from Russia and Poland, as well as representatives of the Orthodox and the Catholic Churches. The Department for External Church Relations was represented by Hegumen Philip Riabykh, DECR vice-chairman.

On July 6, participants in the seminar visited St. Sergius' Laura of the Holy Trinity. The Polish guests were taken on a tour of the monastery. They were told about the life of St. Sergius of Radonezh, who laid the foundation of Orthodox monastic tradition in northern Russia, the history of the monastery, its architectural features as well as today's life of the monastery and the work of the Theological Schools. After the tour the guests visited the church archeology chamber in Moscow Theological Academy to see Old Russian icons and other exhibits.

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