



Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations meets with Vatican's Secretary of State

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Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations, who is in Rome for an official visit, met with the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone.

Conveying to Cardinal Bertone greetings from His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, Metropolitan Hilarion emphasized the need for developing cooperation between the Holy See and the Russian Orthodox Church on international arena, especially in partnerships with UNESCO.

They agreed that the Orthodox and the Catholics, with their shared views on issues of public and personal morality, were called today to defend together traditional Christian values.

In conclusion the parties exchanged tokens of the meeting.

Present at the meeting were Hegumen Philip Riabykh, vice-chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations, and Rev. Dmitry Cizonenko, DECR acting secretary for inter-Christian relations.

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