



DECR vice-chairman meets with representative of Bose monastic community

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Hegumen Philip Riabykh, vice-chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, met on 29 April 2010 with Brother Adalberto Mainardi of the Bose monastic community, Italy, and Prof. Alberto Melloni from Bologna.

Brother Adalberto, speaking on behalf of the whole community and its founder Brother Enzo Bianchi, conveyed greetings and deep gratitude to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and the chairman of the Department for External Church Relations, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, for support and long-standing cooperation in organizing international symposia on topical questions of Orthodox spiritual tradition, held annually in Bose since 1993. The next, 18th colloquium will be attended by a representative delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church, which will be led by Archbishop Feognost of Sergiev Posad, abbot of St. Sergius's Laura of the Trinity. The colloquium will discuss not only the monastic tradition under the theme 'Fellowship and Solitude', but also important components of the modern man's spiritual life. The Russian Orthodox delegation will take an active part in discussing this theme at a round-table conference and in free communication with other participants and guests of the colloquium.

Prof. Melloni informed Father Philip about the work of his Institute of Religious Studies in Bologna. He dwelt in particular on the academic publication of Ecumenical and Local Councils' documents, with a separate volume devoted to the actions of the Local Councils of the Russian Orthodox Church. Prof. Melloni expressed hope that Russian historians and theologians would participate in this project.

In his response, Father Philip told his guest about the work of the Orthodox Encyclopedia church research center and presented them with recently published documents of the latest Bishops' Councils of the Russian Orthodox Church. In conclusion he thanked his guests for the visit and expressed hope that cooperation with the Bose community and the Institute in Bologna would continue developing with the same success.

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