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Archpastors from Russia, Belarus and Ukraine give joint press-conference in Zaporozhe

A press conference under the working title 'Three Sisters – Ukraine, Russia, Belarus' took place on April 14 at the refectory of the Intercession Cathedral in Zaporozhe, given by four Orthodox hierarchs from the three fraternal countries including Archbishop Ioann of Belgorod and Sary Oskol, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's mission department (Russia), Bishop Serafim of Bobruisk and Bykhov, first pro-rector of the Byelorussian State University's Sts. Cyril and Methodius' Institute of Theology (Belarus) as well as Archbishop Vasily (Zlotolinsky) and Bishop Iosif of Zaporozhe and Melitopol (Ukraine).

Addressing Zaporozhe journalists, they unanimously emphasized that the Church of Christ unites the three Slavic nations divided today by state borders. Symbolically, it was in Zaporozhe that the idea of the community of Belgorod, Bobruisk and Zaporozhe was born with the aim to strengthen spiritual ties between the three nations, the Orthodox Ukraine website has reported.

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