



Patriarch Kirill's congratulatory message to Costa Rican President-elect Laura Chinchilla Miranda

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has sent the following congratulatory message to Costa Rican President-elect Ms. Laura Chinchilla Miranda:

Dear Ms. Miranda,

Kindly accept my cordial congratulations on your election to the office of President of the Republic of Costa Rica.

Serving on various important posts, you have been invariably guided by the interests of ordinary citizens of your country. The high confidence that the constituency have shown in you speaks of the recognition of your services and gifts.

It is my conviction that as before you will pursue the policy of defending traditional spiritual and moral principles in the life of society. In these efforts you can rely on the support of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Remembering with warmth my visit to San Jose in October 2008, I can testify to the successful development of cooperation between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Republic of Costa Rica. In your country there is a Russian-speaking diaspora which numbers several thousand people. To meet their spiritual needs, they have founded an Orthodox parish.

I believe the good and constructive relations between our Church and the leadership of your country will receive an adequate development under your presidency.

I wish you spiritual and physical strength and success in your work. May the Lord give lasting peace and prosperity to all the people of Costa Rica.

Respectfully,

+ Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia