



## **Archbishop Hilarion: Marxism that ousts religion from human life takes out its very heart, leaving only an emasculated shell**

On 21 November 2009, the Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for external church relations, Archbishop Hilarion of Volokolamsk took part in "The Church and the World" TV programme and commented on an article published in a Vatican official paper. The author wrote favourably about the teaching of Karl Marx.

Archbishop Hilarion underscored the difference between the social teaching of Marxism and the Christian social teaching. He thinks that Marxism ignores human susceptibility to sin that leads some people to crimes.

The DECR Chairman believes that education and moral exhortations are not enough for righteous life of people who need a special healing and spiritual guiding force, which is to be found in Christianity. "When Marxism ousts religion from human life, it takes out its very heart, leaving only an emasculated shell. It is by this that Marxism has proved its inviability and its antihumanism," Archbishop Hilarion noted.