Metropolitan Hilarion considers it blasphemous to use LGBT symbols together with Christian ones



In Poland, a trial has been opened of activists who have installed an image of Virgin Mary with a rainbow nimbus (as is known, the rainbow is chosen by sexual minorities as their symbol). According to the Polish Criminal Code, insulting religious beliefs entails two years-long imprisonment.

Commenting this situation during the Church and World program, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate department for external church relations (DECR), noted that it is very offensive and vexing that 'the rainbow, this beautiful natural phenomenon perceived by the Old Testament as the symbol of covenant between the human and God is adopted by the LGBT community and is seen now as a symbol of same-sex relationships'. 'I think it is a great mistake', he said.

The hierarch also described as 'inadmissible and sacrilegious' the use of the LGBT symbols together with Christian ones.

'If an image of the Mother of God - moreover at point is the Icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa venerated by all Poles and also in Orthodoxy, in particular, in the Russian Church - is pasted with symbols of a way of life rejected and condemned by the Church, then it is certainly seen as a blasphemy and sacrilege', the metropolitan said, 'And there is nothing surprising that in Poland, a traditionally Catholic country, all this has been seen precisely so, with the case ending in a trial'.

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