Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk congratulated DECR vice-chairman Archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov) on his 55th birthday



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On January 16, 2023, Archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov), DECR vice-chairman, was congratulated on his 55th birthday in a solemn ceremony which took place at the Lesser Hall of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations.

DECR chairman Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk cordially congratulated Father Philaret on the remarkable date and wished him God's help in his work. 'Having such a substantial experience of the work in the Department for External Church Relations and in the Moscow Patriarchate establishments

in other countries, you also have brilliantly proved your worth as vice-chairman of the Department zealously working at this post for the last eleven years. Invariable characteristics of your work are high

professionalism, profound competence and ability to solve extraordinary problems, tenacious attitude to people, exclusively deep and sincere respect for your colleagues, subordinates and staff members', the DECR chairman noted in particular in his greetings to Archimandrite Philaret.

His Eminence Anthony presented Father Philaret with a bouquet of flowers, the congratulatory address and a pectoral cross.

In his response, Archimandrite Philaret thanked His Eminence for his warm words.

The congratulatory ceremony was attended by Archpriest Nikolay Balashov, adviser to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR vice-chairman; Archpriest Nikolay Lishchenuk, DECR vice-chairman, heads of the sections and the DECR staff.

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