



## Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk meets with students of Theological Seminary in Sremski Karlovci



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On March 5, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR), met with the faculty and students of the Serbian Orthodox Seminary of St. Arsenije in Sremski Karlovci.

The meeting was attended by the hierarchs of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Bishop Vasilije of Srem, Bishop Ishije of Valejevo, and Bishop Damaskin of Mohacs; archpriest Nikolai Balashov, counselor to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus', and deacon Nikolai Vasin, secretary of the DECR chairman, accompanying him on his working trip; as well as the rector of the seminary, archpriest Jovan Milanović,

who opened the meeting, introduced the high guest to the audience and said:

“I thank God that the ties uniting the Russian and Serbian Orthodox Churches, the Russian and Serbian people, are sealed with the seal of history also here, in Sremski Karlovci, and that our ties are being maintained and developed.” He mentioned the assistance of Russian institutions in Serbia with the replenishment of funds of the seminary library.

Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk addressed the participants in the meeting, saying that the opportunity to visit Sremski Karlovci and the local theological school is a great joy and honour for him.

The archpastor told the audience about the work of the Department for External Church Relations and the tasks this Synodal institution faces.

He wished the students that skill and knowledge they are acquiring would bring good fruit in the church field and that upon graduation they would greatly contribute to the welfare of the Holy Church.

The DECR chairman greeted all those teaching in the theological school and wished them God's aid in their work.

At the end of the visit, Metropolitan Anthony left an entry in the distinguished visitors' book.

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