



DECR Chairman begins his visit to Italy and the Vatican



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On 24 April 2025, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus', Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR), arrived in Rome.

During his visit, the hierarch will attend the funeral of Pope Francis.

That same evening, the DECR Chairman met with Russia's Ambassador to the Vatican, I.D. Soltanovsky.