DECR chairman meets with German Ambassador to Russia



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On 16th October 2026, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, met with Mr Clemens von Goetze, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Russian Federation.

Having greeted the German diplomat, Metropolitan Anthony gave him a brief overview of the work of the Department for External Church Relations in the past and at present, as well as of the activities of the Russian Orthodox Church's parishes and dioceses abroad, including in Germany.

Taking part in the meeting were also Mr Bernd Finke, Minister Plenipotentiary, Germany's Permanent Deputy Ambassador to Russia, and Archpriest Sergiy Zvonarev, DECR Secretary for Far Abroad Countries.

An exchange of gifts marked the conclusion of the meeting.

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