



DECR chairman meets with Apostolic Nuncio to the Russian Federation

On 25 January 2011, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the DECR, met with the Apostolic Nuncio to the Russian Federation, Archbishop Antonio Mennini.

The Apostolic Nuncio thanked Metropolitan Hilarion for good cooperation between the DECR and the Representation of the Holy See. Thanks to that, relations between the Russian Orthodox Church and the structures of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia have improved. Archbishop Mennini also said that during his time in Moscow he has come to like for the Russian Church, its people and traditions. He also noted a special part the Church is playing in the life of Russia at present.

Metropolitan Hilarion thanked Archbishop Mennini for his sincere love to the Orthodox Church and fruitful cooperation crowned with the opening of diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and the Holy See. The DECR chairman wished the Nuncio no less impressive success in his new ministry as Apostolic Nuncio in Great Britain and expressed hope for further cooperation between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church in upholding traditional Christian values on the European continent.

Metropolitan Hilarion presented the guest with a pectoral cross.

Taking part in the meeting were Rev. Dmitry Sizonenko, acting DECR secretary for Inter-Christian relations; and deacon Aleksiy Dikarev, a staff member of the same secretariat.