20 religion journalists from Romania visit ROC Representation to the European Institutions



A group of twenty religion journalists from Romania visited the Representation of the Romanian Orthodox Church to the European Institutions headquartered in Brussels on the first day of a three-day trip to Belgium beginning on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

The journalists were welcomed by Rev. Sorin Selaru, director, Rev. George Valcu, secretary, and Rev. Gabriel Pop, assistant.

During the meeting, Fr. Sorin Selaru briefed the history of the Romanian Orthodox Parish of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, which is a property of the Romanian Patriarchate in Brussels.

Fr. Selaru explained why the church was dedicated to St Nicholas, noting that the

church building was bought exactly on December 6 when the feast of Holy Hierarch of Myra is celebrated.

He went on to offer details regarding the construction works that are currently being carried out at the church building, especially the neighbouring rooms that will house various activities, especially for young people. Fr Selaru added that most of the money covering the costs of the works are offered by the Romanian Patriarchate.

The director of <u>@Orth EU</u>, Fr. Sorin Şelaru (<u>@p selaru</u>), presented the history of the Romanian Orthodox Church of St Nicholas the Wonderworker in Brussels to a group of religious journalists from Romania.

The group includes members of <u>@BasilicaNews</u>. pic.twitter.com/7xdDm9Zr2H

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The Director of the ROC Representation to the European Institutions also referred to the Romanian youth, saying that many come to Belgium to study theology at renowned universities in the country.

He stressed that theology students are very involved in the mission of the Romanian parishes, particularly in terms of providing catechesis.

The group of journalists was headed by Aurelian-Nicolae Iftimiu, patriarchal counsellor and director of the Basilica News Agency of the Romanian Patriarchate, and included members of the Basilica Media Centre and other correspondents from Iași, Sibiu, Cluj-Napoca, Alba Iulia, Timișoara.

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