Turkey, Archbishop Fisichella meets Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I



During his visit to Turkey, H.E. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, had the opportunity to meet His All Holiness Bartholomew I, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople.

The meeting provided a further opportunity to renew their relationship of friendship and mutual esteem, allowing the Pro-Prefect to meet the Patriarch once again following their previous encounter during the VI World Apostolic Congress on Mercy (WACOM), held in Vilnius last June.

The conversation took place in an atmosphere of great warmth and friendship. During their meeting, the Pro-Prefect outlined to the Patriarch the prospects and opportunities offered by the new Pilgrim House, recently inaugurated to welcome those visiting the city, now known as #znik, to explore the sites associated with the First Ecumenical Council of 325.

In particular, the Pro-Prefect shared the vision of making the centre a point of reference for all pilgrims, offering them a place where they can gather in prayer. It is also intended to preserve and keep alive the memory of the important ecumenical gathering held last December, on the occasion of the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when Pope Leo XIV and Patriarch Bartholomew came together with representatives of various Christian traditions to commemorate the event.

The new chapel, whose altar was consecrated by Archbishop Fisichella himself, thus continues the spirit of that experience, transforming its memory into a tangible opportunity for encounter, prayer and fraternity.

