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Holy See Press Office Communiqué: Audience with the President of the Republic of Lithuania

Today the Holy Father Francis received in audience H.E. Ms. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania, who subsequently met with His Eminence Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, accompanied by His Excellency Msgr. Paul Richard Gallagher, secretary for Relations with States.

During the cordial discussions, appreciation was expressed for the good bilateral relations and the positive contribution of the Catholic Church to Lithuanian society, recalling the Holy Father's recent visit to the country on the occasion of the centenary of independence in 2018. Several themes relating to the social and political situation of the country were then considered.

Finally, attention turned to some themes of an international nature, such as peace and security and the need for greater solidarity to face the various challenges in Europe and in the region.