

# *Venezuelan Government Invites Vatican for Talks with Opposition*

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Caracas, April 10 (RHC), -- On Wednesday, the Venezuelan government invited the Vatican State Secretary, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, to participate in the National Peace Conference led by President Nicolas Maduro, as well as in the talks with the country 's opposition.

According to a statement by the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry, Chancellor Elias Jaua sent a letter to the high ranking Vatican official stressing the importance of the conference in promoting a constructive dialogue, understanding and peace among different sectors in the country.

In the letter, Jaua sent an invitation on behalf of the Venezuelan head of State to Pope Francis, for him to participate in the talks between government and opposition forces.

"It would be feasible for the Catholic Church to designate a good will witness to accompany the talks between political forces in Venezuela, also backed by the foreign ministers of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)," said the invitation letter.

The talks, aimed at ending more than two months of political unrest in the South American country, are expected to begin on Thursday with relevant political, economic and social topics key to the Venezuelan society on the table.

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