

March 11, 2022

Good morning,

Due to the unprecedented needs brought about by the devastation of the attacks on Ukraine and the immigration of millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war, I am authorizing a special collection to be taken up at all parishes on the weekend of March 19 and 20. The proceeds from the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and to the Vatican agency for outreach to the Churches in Eastern Europe.

Through news coverage of the war, we have witnessed the immediate human crisis needs, including those caused by the horrendous bombing of a maternity hospital. There will also be longer term needs, for rebuilding churches and hospitals, and other recovery and reconstruction programs.

The people of our Archdiocese have a long history of generosity in times of local, national, and international disasters and for assisting with relief of human suffering. Please join me in supporting the people of Ukraine through our prayers, our concern, and our contributions.

God bless,

Cardinal Seán

NOTE FOR PARISHES

To process this collection, please ask parishioners to address their checks to your parish, with "Ukraine Relief" in the memo.

One check should be sent from the parish, payable to the Archdiocese of Boston, with "Ukraine Relief" in the memo.

Please send checks to: Attn: Cashier, c/o Ukraine Relief Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center 66 Brooks Drive Braintree, MA 02184-3839