



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK HOPE FOR UKRAINE

Dear Parishioners,

The shelling of the cities in Ukraine by Russian forces and the killing of civilians is a moral atrocity, which will no doubt get even more brutal for the Ukrainians. It has been a wake-up call for all of us in that we must work together not only in our own country but with people around the world. In a way, faith has been restored in leadership.

President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine has emerged as someone in the world who is admired. Other world leaders are imitating his courage and honesty. The people of Ukraine have taught us to put our divisions aside and embrace a love of universal ideas, such as democracy and freedom — ideas that we have taken for granted in the recent past.

We must be careful not to be tempted to reach out for a solution that seems good on the surface, but at its heart, is a setup for destruction. While holding on to hope, we need to remember to be “worldly-wise.”

The war in Ukraine, and the resulting humanitarian crisis due to those seeking refuge, is going to require sacrifice on all of our behalfs; I urge you to stay the course. Please pray that the people of Ukraine and that people around the world will have the courage to fight against the evil that we all face to insure a lasting peace. Let us all offer our prayers and sacrifices as we enter our spiritual Lenten journey and ask for peace for those suffering from injustices, unrest and persecution in this crisis.

If you have not done so already, you can direct your financial support by mailing or dropping off your monetary donation to Rosary Hill Home in Justice. (Rosary Hill is located at 9000 W. 81st Street, Justice, IL 60458—708.458.3040) The Sisters of Rosary Hill Home, or Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province have two local contacts in Ukraine. If you wish to join in these most needed efforts, please make your donation payable to: ***Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception*** - with a note in your “memo” section of your check: “Help for Ukraine.” The Sisters of Rosary Hill Home will forward your contributions to their two convents in western Ukraine which borders Poland. Any contributions received at the Rectory specifically marked for them will be delivered to Rosary Hill.



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