

EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORT FOR UKRAINE

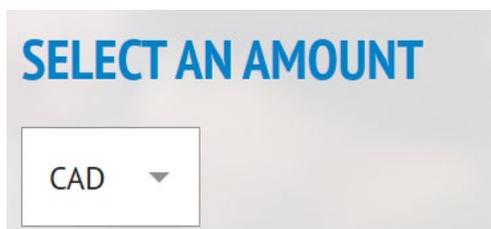
As you know, Russia has launched a devastating attack on Ukraine and its people. The aggression has had a substantial impact on civilians and we know millions of Ukrainians have fled the country in search of refuge.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough reached out to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada to ask how we can help. The Eparchy has recommended that the Diocese encourage parishes and parishioners to donate and they have provided advice on how to do so. In this regard, the Diocese has made a \$10 000 donation to Ukraine to help ease the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

You are asked to consider if and how you might be able to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

Here are two suggestions:

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** [Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org) 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people through the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund. The website automates the donation to USD funds, just click the drop-down button to switch to CAD funds.



- **CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION** [CNEWA Canada | Catholic Near East Welfare Association](https://www.cnewa.ca). CNEWA Canada typically holds back 10% of donated funds to administer the organization. For the crisis in Ukraine, this fee has been lowered to 5% so 95% of your donation goes directly to Ukraine.

Let us continue to carry the people affected by this aggression in our prayers.

God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace. You offer us your peace continually and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed, "for they shall be called children of God" (Mt.5:9). May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as you are merciful.

We pray to you for the people who are experiencing aggression, conflicts, injury, and deaths. We pray to you for those who have fled their homeland – surround them with your comfort and strength. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision, and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division.

To you, we entrust all families and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair, but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire all of us to the oneness of heart and mind, to work generously for the common good, to respect the dignity of every person and the fundamental rights which have their origin in the image and likeness of God impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen!