



**APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE**

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My Dear Brother Bishop, Dear Father Administrator,

We are all aware of the desperate situation currently taking place in the Ukraine. We are also cognizant of the consequences this war is having not only for Europe but for the entire world.

In light of this, the Holy See has asked this Nunciature to share a special request from our Holy Father with all Diocesan Bishops and those with similar functions. Accordingly, His Holiness has requested that all Cathedrals, Marian Shrines, and Parish Communities join him in a prayer for peace on 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, at 1800 hours (1700 Rome time). During the service, Russia and the Ukraine should be consecrated to the immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Holy See has promised to furnish an official letter from His Holiness together either a special prayer of consecration to be used during the service. As soon as this text is forwarded to this Nunciature, we will send it to you in English.

I pray that you will all be able to join our Holy Father in this important moment of prayer. With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*Peter B. Well*  
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**Bishops and Administrators**

**Their Respective Sees**