



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
Secretariat for Development and Communications

TO: Pastors, Administrators, Parish Business Managers & Bookkeepers
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CC: Bishop Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
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RE: Providing Financial Assistance to Ukraine

Recently, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) informed dioceses that the annual collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (which was already taken up on Ash Wednesday) will be the source of funding for the Bishops' response to the war in Ukraine. There will not be a separate special collection – meaning the USCCB and the Diocese of Manchester will not be calling or holding an emergency collection for the war in Ukraine.

However, we recognize that there is great concern for the escalating situation in Ukraine and would like to ensure that pastors, parishioners, and interested donors have information accessible to give to Catholic agencies providing aid and support to Ukraine. If pastors have already held a second collection, please refer to the agencies below to issue your collection funds. Rather than parishes taking up special collections for this purpose, we recommend that you refer anyone interested in providing assistance directly to one or more of the following four agencies.

- I. The international Caritas confederation is collecting funds to help Caritas Ukraine. In the United States, that is through [Catholic Relief Services](#). For more information on CRS' response and updates, please see information in the March 16th Digest. Funds can be remitted online using the link provided above or can be mailed as follows:
Catholic Relief Services
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, MD 21297-0303
Checks should be made out to Catholic Relief Services. Please ensure to mark the memo line as Ukraine or include a letter indicating it is for Ukraine.

- II. The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, led by Archbishop Borys Gudziak, is also requesting donations and has a [link to donate](#) via Paypal if donating or remitting online. Alternatively, donations can be mailed to:
Archeparchy of Philadelphia
810 North Franklin Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Checks should be made out to the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and must include the memo line indicating it is for Ukrainian support.

- III. A pontifical agency is also taking donations for Ukraine the [Catholic Near East Welfare Association](#). Donations can be made online at the link provided or sent to the address below:
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022-4195
Checks should be made payable to CNEWA and memo line must include Ukraine.
- IV. The Knights of Columbus launched the [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#) for humanitarian needs in Ukraine and through refugee sites in Poland. If sending a mailed donation, please mail check to:
Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.
P.O. Box 1966
New Haven, CT 06510-1966
Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc and write Ukraine Solidarity Fund in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact Bevin Kennedy, Cabinet Secretary for Development and Communications, at bkennedy@rcbm.org.