



## Statement of the Basilian Fathers on the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

**The Basilian Fathers condemns the violence in Ukraine marked by the recent invasion by Russian forces, in particular the continued targeting of civilian population centers.**

In solidarity with Pope Francis, with the Universal Church and with the people of Ukraine, as well as with people of Ukrainian origin and descent, and particularly following the day of fasting and prayer for peace in Ukraine on Ash Wednesday 2022, we join with the call “to encourage the faithful and all people of good will to pray for the imminent restoration of peace, dialogue, and human fraternity.” (CCCB 24 Feb. 2022)

We join with Pope Francis in his assertion that “[t]hose who wage war forget humanity. They do not start from the people, they do not look at the real life of people, but place partisan interests and power before all else. They trust in the diabolical and perverse logic of weapons, which is the furthest from the logic of God. And they distance themselves from ordinary people, who want peace, and who – the ordinary people – are the real victims in every conflict, who pay for the follies of war with their own skin.” (Pope Francis, *Angelus* 27 February 2022)

In addition to prayers, the Basilian Fathers also call upon the generous support for non-lethal humanitarian aid through various agencies.

Development and Peace:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/41c71c88/KR2Z3OiY4ECPvh2C1uIP3A?u=https://www2.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1%26id=3%26gl=2y0x0>

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/0bc68f24/iHvXUHu-EEuOyLe-GurJwA?u=https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

The Canadian Red Cross:

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USCCB—Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

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Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

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