

Metropolia invites to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13).

Through the Ukrainians have united the world. Their sacrifice for freedom and God-given human dignity, their love for truth and social justice, and their heroic witness of fearless solidarity are inspiring people of good will globally. Millions of Ukrainian citizens are radically incarnating the Gospel virtues as they imitate Christ in the Way of the Cross on route to a victory over death in the Resurrection.

A democracy fighting for its life has demonstrated a new maturity and given new meaning and cohesion to a fragmented Europe. Ukraine's valor is forging shared purpose in America.

People in the United States and throughout the world are generously contributing to the address the humanitarian catastrophe in Ukraine and helping the Church heal the traumas —personal and social, material and physical, spiritual and psychological —caused by a ruthless and lawless invasion and outright war crimes. We encourage you to join this movement of mercy, love, and service by donating to the Humanitarian Aid Fund of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in America.

Goal of the Humanitarian Aid Fund of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in America

100% of the funds donated to the Humanitarian Aid Fund of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in America, created by the *Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Eparchy of Stamford, Eparchy of Saint Nicholas in Chicago, and Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma*, will go to support humanitarian aid projects and organizations as well as suffering Church institutions in Ukraine. The Fund is addressing the catastrophe created by the invasion immediately as well as preparing to respond to the longer-term injury and damage generated by the war.

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental organization in the world. It has a long history of aiding war victims, the poor and refugees. In Ukraine it is one of the

largest NGOs meeting the needs of the downtrodden and persecuted. On both the national level (e.g., Caritas Ukraine) and the local level (e.g., local eparchial and parochial Catholic Charities), Catholic institutions are some of the most reliable and effective institutions in serving people in Ukraine, embracing Catholics and non-Catholics alike — all people in need. The Church itself is also suffering grievous losses as priests, bishops, employees, families and others are injured, displaced and even killed.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in America is firmly committed to transparency in the stewardship of these funds and to ensuring that this assistance reaches those truly in need.

A list of the organizations and their carefully screened projects supported by the Humanitarian Aid Fund will be published regularly as the monies are sent to Ukraine.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

+Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

Head of the Department of External Church Relations, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM

Eparch of Stamford

+Benedict Aleksiychuk

Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+ Bohdan J. Danylo

Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

+Andriy Rabiy

Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

Our Metropolia invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for

Ukraine. This can be done as follows:

1. Write a check to the “Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia” and send it to the office at 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123. Please write on the check “Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine”;
2. When the pastor announces the collection in the parish, leave your donation in the parish basket, which will then be transferred to the Philadelphia office along with other donations;
3. You can donate on the Philadelphia Archdiocese’s website www.ukrarcheparchy.us, and click on **Donate through PAYPAL** and select “**WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE**”; Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions.

Report No. 3 May 31, 2022

Report No. 2 March 27, 2022

\$1,869,132.19 has been collected

\$923,247.76 total current expenditures towards needs in Ukraine through eight initiatives

Since Report No.1 (see below), The Humanitarian Aid Fund has supported these three initiatives:

\$200,000 Caritas Ukraine (equivalent to Catholic Charities in the US)- to support Caritas’ Emergency Response to War in Ukraine Project focused on supporting vulnerable individuals in the areas of information, hygiene supplies, food, temporary shelter, family medicines, water, safe transportation, coping of stress, and delivery of humanitarian cargo to crisis locations.

\$200,000 Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) - for the purchase of wound care products for war victims to be used in hospitals, medical pouches for tactical medicine, and medications for the needs of the hospitals in different regions of Ukraine. UCU has arranged the logistics for delivery in Central and Eastern Ukraine.

\$119,789.31 Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) – for the purchase of SOF Tactical Tourniquets. These are the top performing medical tourniquets currently available. These tourniquets are part of a tactical medical kit, which will be stocked by UCU's partner, the Wings of Hope Charitable Foundation. UCU has arranged the logistics for delivery in Central and Eastern Ukraine.

Report No. 1 March 17, 2022

Humanitarian Fund has supported five initiatives:

\$200,000 Caritas Ukraine (equivalent to Catholic Charities in the US)— to be used for aid to refugees on the move and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in western Ukraine as well as humanitarian assistance in central and eastern Ukraine. This grant covers a disabling gap in funding for the transport of humanitarian convoys and supplies that Caritas is sending to Central and Eastern Ukraine as well as for transport of refugees and travel and deliveries of aid to refugees standing at the border. Caritas transferred over 300 tons of supplies in the first three weeks of the invasion. At the current rate of transfer \$200,000 will cover an estimated three months of transportation costs. The grant will give assurance and freedom to Caritas to develop a longer-term program of emergency aid.

\$93,458.45 Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) — for the purchase of emergency bandages and hemostatic gauze. Each medicated bandage cost ca. \$50. The UCU has arranged for the purchase in Poland, logistical transfer, and distribution of these medical supplies in Central and Eastern Ukraine. UCU has arranged the logistics for delivery in Central and Eastern Ukraine.

\$50,000 Ukrainian Catholic Church Curia in Kyiv — for support of the critical central ministry of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC). The central ministries of the UGCC are assuring the continuity and coordination of the Church's service and humanitarian efforts throughout the country.

\$30,000 Kharkiv Exarchate — ensuring ministry to the faithful and distribution of humanitarian aid. Kharkiv, a city of ca. 1,500,000 inhabitants, is one of the main targets of Russian bombing and artillery shelling. Some 800 residential buildings have been damaged or destroyed. A large part of the population has left the city and become refugees, but the bishops and most clergy remain in Kharkiv and at the parishes of the

Kharkiv Exarchate ministering and distributing humanitarian aid.

\$30,000 Ukrainian Greek Catholic Eparchies in Poland — for assistance for refugees by three eparchies - the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Przemyśl-Warsaw, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Wrocław-Koszalin, and Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Olsztyn-Gdańsk. These eparchies are part of the astounding effort of the citizens of Poland in receiving almost 2,000,000 refugees.