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### **Call to Join with the Holy Father in the Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

We join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

At noon on that day, at the same time the Pope formally makes this consecration, I will celebrate Mass for this intention at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, Palm Beach Gardens. All are invited to this Mass, which will also be live streamed. I ask all of our Diocesan family, including the students at our schools, to offer prayer at that time to join in the consecration.

As a Diocese, we continue to join in fervent prayer for peace throughout the world and for an abrupt end to the unjustified attack upon Ukraine. We echo the plea expressed by Pope Francis, *In the name of God, listen to the cry of those who suffer, and put an end to the bombings and attacks! Let there be real and decisive focus on negotiations and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre!*

May Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

- To view the live streamed Mass that Bishop Barbarito will celebrate on Friday, March 25 at noon, please visit [www.cathedralpb.com](http://www.cathedralpb.com) and click on LIVE MASS.
- In addition to our prayers, it is encouraged that financial assistance be offered to the suffering in Ukraine through Catholic Relief Services found on our website, <https://www.diocesepb.org/news/support-ukraine.html>.
- To read the statement from the United States Bishops regarding this harrowing matter, please click here, <https://www.usccb.org/news/2022/us-conference-catholic-bishops-administrative-committee-releases-statement-ukraine>.