

## Feast of the Annunciation

### Act of Consecration of Russia & Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

I liked this from **William Fahey**: “A prophetic rending of hearts, not a Levitical dissection of words, is what Our Lady awaits. Surely in the end her Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

He continues: “Friday is the great Feast of the Annunciation and Incarnation, the memorial of that day foretold by Zacharias, when – more than any other time in history – God in His mercy would visit and redeem mankind. Fulfilling all His promises to the Hebrew people, God would come, like the Eastern sun from on high: “To enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

And this is possible because of Mary’s yes at the Annunciation.

#### **FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE:**

In the context of the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine the Holy Father, **Pope Francis, will lead an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation, Friday, March 25th. Bishop Luis invites you and the communities which you serve to join him in prayer and solidarity in support of the Holy Father.**

The Vatican has provided the text (attached) of the Prayer of Consecration from the Holy Father that he will pray on that day. All of the faithful are invited to recite this prayer on March 25th so that God’s Holy People may raise a heartfelt and choral plea to Mary our Mother.

In lieu of, or in addition to, a daily Mass on Friday in which the Prayer of Consecration may be recited, the faithful may wish to [follow the events from the Vatican on March 25th](#). Since it is fitting that we should invoke peace with hearts renewed by God’s forgiveness, the Act of Consecration will take place in the context of a Celebration of Penance to be held in Saint Peter’s Basilica at 5PM., Rome time. The Act itself will take place about 6:30PM.

Additionally , you may also wish to invite your communities to join in support of the people affected by the violence in Ukraine in another appropriate way. [Catholic agencies are working to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine](#) should your parishioners be moved to provide additional support.

May the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary assist us now in obtaining true freedom and peace for the people of Russia and Ukraine and all of humanity.

**Act of Consecration:** [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

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