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EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Aid to the Church in Need is conducting an urgent appeal to support the Church in Ukraine. An initial package of \$2 million was sent in the days following the invasion and we are appealing to the Catholic people to further assist.

The financial aid so far has been distributed to both the Eastern and Western Catholic Churches, to religious orders and social projects run by priests and religious all over the country. **Focus has been on the East, where fighting has been most serious, but also in parts of the West that are dealing with an influx of refugees** fleeing the combat zone. In the capital city of Kiev, which has been under bombardment, the Church is also receiving financial support to help those most at need.

In a recent interview, Bishop Stanislav Szyrokoradiuk of Odessa in Southern Ukraine, stated, "I am very grateful for all the political support and solidarity. **I would especially like to thank Aid to the Church in Need. It was the first organisation which asked me: 'What should we do? How can we help?'** Thank you for this readiness to help." ACN has been working to keep the faith alive in Ukraine since the 1950s and we do not intend to stop now.

Enclosed with this letter are prayer cards and donation forms. We are sending these across Australia and New Zealand and begging parishes, schools, individuals and Catholic groups to help us distribute them as best they can. If you need more of either, simply email info@aidtochurch.org with the requested quantity and best mailing address and we will get them out asap.

Also listed here is a simple notice which you might consider including on websites, newsletters, social media or in direct correspondence. Edit or adjust as suits:

The Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine. Funds are being sent to clergy and religious who are on the ground assisting the people. Please visit www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine or phone **1800 101 201**.

Thank for supporting this appeal by distributing these materials. **Our help is completely reliant on the Catholic people offering forth prayer and financial resources** for their brothers and sisters in desperate need.

God bless you.

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