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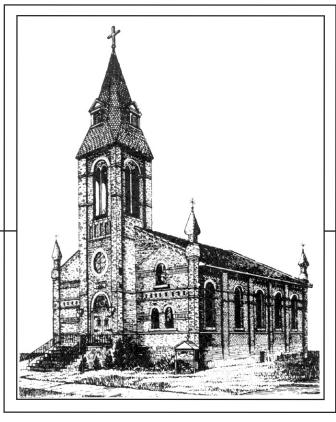
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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 20, 2022

### POPE TO CONSECRATE RUSSIA TO OUR LADY

The Vatican announced last Tuesday that Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, during the sacrament of Penance service at 5:00 pm. in St. Peter's Basilica. The announcement comes after the war declared by Russia on Ukraine. The request to consecrate both the Ukraine and Russia came initially from the Ukrainian Latin Rite bishops who see that their country is in grave danger.



Konrad Krajewski If the idea of Russia being consecrated to the Blessed Mother is familiar to you, you will remember that this has taken place before under Pope John Paul II. However, some say that it wasn't specific enough or wasn't exactly what Our Lady asked for. The debate about this aside, it is clear that consecrating a land to a heavenly person – and not just any person but the Mother of Jesus, the Saviour, then it is most certainly a big deal.

Lest we should think that this is simply an act of the pope in response to a request from Ukrainian bishops, we need to think again. The season of Lent has a three-fold call to us to pray, give to the poor and to fast. The prayer aspect of the biblical Lenten mandate is not as easy to put into practice in a world that so often doesn't slow down much less stop and prayer requires us to stop and be still. If Russia is to be consecrated by the Holy Father, then there is a great deal of prayer to be done by the laity and indeed the whole Church during this Lenten season of grace.

"Consecration, in general, is an act by which a thing is separated from a common and profane to a sacred use, or by which a person or thing is dedicated to the Service and worship of God by prayers, rites and ceremonies" (Catholic Answers)

In the consecration of a vast country such as Russia the effect being sought is that graces will be given to the country. In this case, it is the commendation of Russia to very heart of the Mother of Jesus herself, immaculately conceived in her mother's womb by God's design. And at the same time the pope consecrates Russia and the Ukraine in Rome, the Cardinal Archbishop at Fatima, His Eminence Konrad Kajewski will consecrate them both as well from Fatima.

It was at Fatima, when the Blessed Mother appeared to three children, that she told them –

"I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart.... if people attend to My requests, Russia will be converted and the world will have peace."

In a very real sense, Our Lady has asked that Russia specifically be consecrated to her heart. How that has an effect on Russia and the world in one sense, isn't for us to fully know or understand. We just need to do it since she has asked us specifically to do so.

Many Catholic commentators have likened consecration to the scene in the Gospel of Jesus in the boat with the disciples while a terrible storm came up, frightening them greatly. Terrified, they woke Jesus up and pleaded, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And Jesus simply said to them, "You of little faith. Why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and the waves, and it was completely calm." (Matt. 8:25-26) We, for our own part, can participate in this upcoming consecration by praying for it up until and including March 25. So, PRAY! (FrC)

### Prayer for the Holy Father to Consecrate Russia

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,

you are the holy Mother of God and our tender Mother.

Look upon the distress in which the Church

and the whole of humanity are living

because of the spread of materialism and the persecution of the Church.

In Fatima, you warned against these errors,

as you spoke about the errors of Russia.

You are the Mediatrix of all graces.

Implore your Divine Son to grant this special grace for the Pope:

that he might consecrate Russia to your Immaculate Heart, so that Russia will be converted.

a period of peace will be granted to the world, and your Immaculate Heart will triumph,

through an authentic renewal of the Church

in the splendor of the purity of the Catholic Faith, of the sacredness of Divine worship

and of the holiness of the Christian life.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary and our sweet Mother,

turn your merciful eyes to us

and graciously hear this our trusting prayer. Amen.



Tuesday March 22nd

7:30am **HOLY HOUR** 8:30am **+**Bill Glowka

Requested by Barb & Mike Daoust

Wednesday March 23rd

7:00pm +Josephine Gerynowicz

Requested by the Cudney Family

Thursday March 24th

7:30am **HOLY HOUR** 

8:30am St. Mary's Parishioners

Friday March 25th

6:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm +Cole MacPherson

Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson

Saturday March 26th

3:00pm to 4:00pm **CONFESSION** 

4:30pm +Helena & Tadeusz Strzelczyk

Requested Andrzej Strzelczyk

Sunday March 27th

9:00am Intentions of the Guerrero Family

11:00am For the People of Ukraine

Requested by Sandy & Al Mattacott

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