



The Consecration of Russia & Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Explained

In response to the war by Russia against the country of Ukraine, and the unjust attack on innocent human life, **Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this Friday, March 25, 2022, the Feast of the Annunciation.**¹ Bishops throughout the world will undertake this same prayer for peace on Friday. Our own Bishop Barres will join Pope Francis in this Act of Consecration during the 12:10 pm Mass he will celebrate at St. Agnes on that day.² This Mass will be televised live on the Catholic Faith Network. Let us join in person or at least in spiritual unity through the virtual options available [here](#).

Why is this Consecration so important now? In 1917, in the heat of World War I, Our Lady appeared at Fatima to three shepherd children. She requested that to bring peace to the world, as per God's desire, **Russia must be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart (a particular aspect of her holiness) and that reparations be made through the devotion of First Saturdays.** (Note that, Ukraine was not an independent country at the time of the Fatima apparitions, but was a part of Russia.) **Otherwise, Russia's errors would disseminate throughout the world and would result in more war and persecution for the Church.** Following this, there have been numerous consecrations of Russia (and the entire world) carried out by several popes over the last century.³

Now, as we see the horrors of war once again, with the potential for a nuclear World War III, it seems ever more necessary to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Both the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Russian Conference of Catholic Bishops are in agreement to entrust the people of their countries to Mary's heart and motherly protection: "We want to ask Our Lady with her heavenly power that the shedding of blood may stop, as soon as possible."⁴ And **consecration is the surest way to achieve that peace.** This worldwide attention is also a way to remind each of us of the opportunity to entrust ourselves individually to her Immaculate Heart.

Please join Pope Francis, Bishop Barres and all the bishops of the world as we pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia through this solemn Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — on this important feast day, when she proclaimed her "Yes!" as the Mother of God. Let us also pray for peace across the world, in our homes and in our families, most especially for peace in the womb of every mother with child.

As Pope Francis recently stated:

All this is inhuman! Indeed, it is also sacrilegious because it goes against the sacredness of human life, especially against defenseless human life, which must be respected and protected, not eliminated, and this comes before any strategy! Let us not forget it is inhuman and sacrilegious cruelty! ... May she, the Queen of Peace, help us obtain peace.⁵

WHAT CAN WE DO?: PRAY UNCEASINGLY

Let us continue to pray unceasingly. Consider doing a personal Consecration to Mary or renewing your Marian Consecration. Additionally, there is the devotion of the First Saturdays⁶, revealed to Sister Lucia of the Fatima apparitions, which focuses on repentance, conversion and reparation with the promise of salvific graces at the hour of death. As with Marian Consecration this is also very important to bringing us closer to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And finally, you might join the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics at 3:00 p.m., the Divine Mercy Hour, this Friday afternoon, the Feast of the Annunciation, as we begin a monthly Rosary for Life to continue every fourth Friday of the month.⁷

The Angel's Prayer of Fatima

With the Blessed Sacrament suspended in the air, the angel at Fatima prostrated himself, and recited this prayer:

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”⁸

Excerpt from the March Newsletter of the Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics.

1 [Pope invites bishops to join him in consecration of Russia and Ukraine - Vatican News](#)

2 [Act-of-Consecration-Flyer-full-v6-scaled.jpg \(1978x2560\) \(drvc.org\)](#)

3 [7 Questions \(and answers!\) about consecrating Russia to Mary \(aleteia.org\)](#)

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[Vatican News Russian Bishops: Consecration to Mary is prayer, not magic - Today's Catholic Online \(todayscatholic.com.my\)](#)

5 [Pope: 'War of aggression against Ukraine is inhuman and sacrilegious' - Vatican News](#)

6 [5 Things to Know About First Saturdays \(aleteia.org\)](#)

7 [Rosary-for-Life-2022-791x1024.jpg \(791x1024\) \(drvclife.org\)](#)

8 [Fatima Prayers.pdf \(lighthousecatholicmedia.org\)](#)