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Memorandum

To: All Clergy
All Parishes
All Institutes of Consecrated Life + R. G.

From: Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Date: March 17, 2022

Re.: The Situation in Ukraine and the Delegation to Rome

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

On March 25, 2022, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in praying for peace. I encourage all priests to be in solidarity with the Holy Father at Mass on March 25, 2022 and pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia. It's important that we are in union with the Holy Father in this spiritual action by praying for peace. There is no special prayer of consecration that we are requested to pray as the Holy Father will make this prayer of consecration himself in unity with the whole church. I will be in union with Pope Francis at Mass at the Catholic Centre on March 25th with our staff.

Indigenous Delegation to Rome:

I invite all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg to join me in praying a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe ahead of the delegation of the Indigenous People to Rome to meet the Holy Father. We will pray the nine-day novena from Sunday, March 20, 2022, to Sunday, March 28, 2022. The novena goes as follows:

*O Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe
intercede for us with your Son
That we who live in this land,
Indigenous and non-Indigenous together,
may experience healing and reconciliation,
on a renewed journey for justice and peace for our children.
Mother of the Church, pray for us.*

*Our Father...
Hail Mary... (x10)
Glory Be...*

Father of us all, we acknowledge the truth, and we seek to work for reconciliation amongst the children of your family; between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Canadians. As Pope Francis continues to meet at the Vatican with the First Nations, the Metis, and the Inuit, we ask you to help him to listen with all his heart. Give the delegates wisdom as they advise the Pope and help him to discern a good response. On our part, we commit ourselves to work for reconciliation not just in words but in action. Help us live together in peace, justice, and mutual respect. We thank You for all your many blessings. Let a new joy leap into the hearts of all of us. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Archbishop Richard Gagnon

***You can find the novena on our website. Please let your parishioners know.**