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Fathers,

You may have heard that Our 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 25), praying for an end to Russia's war on Ukraine. Pope Francis is inviting the Bishops and priests of the world to join in this act of consecration at an hour corresponding to 5:00 p.m. Rome time.

Therefore, in union with Pope Francis, **I will lead the Diocese of Crookston in an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m.** All clergy and lay faithful are invited to attend. Priests unable to concelebrate with me at the Cathedral on March 25 are encouraged to offer Mass and an Act of Consecration in their own parish(es) sometime that day.

Forthcoming from the Holy Father will be the text of the Prayer of Consecration to be used.

Enclosed on the next page is an announcement to be read at all Masses this weekend.

I am grateful for your attention to this collaborative time of prayer for our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe.

In Christ,

The Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D.D.  
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ENC: *Mass Announcement March 19/20*

**Mass Announcement from The Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens - March 19/20**

In light of the tragic war in Ukraine, Our 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 25). He has asked the Bishops, Priests and faithful of the world to join him in this act of consecration. Bishop Cozzens **will lead the Diocese of Crookston in an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m.** All are invited to attend.

INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PARISH ACT OF CONSECRATION  
(IF PASTOR NOT CONCELEBRATING AT CATHEDRAL)

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