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### **Pope Francis Prays for Peace in Ukraine**

It has been announced that the Holy Father will be consecrating Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this Friday, March 25. In preparation of that event, Archbishop Schnurr started a Rosary Novena on March 18 to conclude on March 25 with Mass at the Basilica Cathedral (St. Peter-in-Chains).

The Mass is open to the public and begins at 11:30 a.m. Archbishop Schnurr writes, "During this Mass, we will be spiritually united to Pope Francis and Catholics around the world in asking for our Blessed Mother's intercession for the end to this tragic conflict. Mass will be followed by the public recitation of the Rosary, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available until Benediction at 5:00 p.m."

As a way for our students to be with the larger Church on Friday, we will offer a decade of the Rosary during morning meditation. This focus on the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a wonderful prelude to our Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes on March 30. It was at Lourdes that the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette, and our students will be experiencing the rich history of the Apparitions at Lourdes and the grace and strength of the Blessed Mother's intercession through a special program.

Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary every day for peace. Please consider dedicating your prayers to the end of the conflict in Ukraine. If you haven't prayer the Rosary in a while, there's great information [HERE](#).