



DIOCESE *of* GAYLORD

DATE: February 24, 2022
TO: Priests; Directors of Parish Life; Deacons
FROM: Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley + *Walter A. Hurley*
RE: Bishop Walter A. Hurley calls for prayers and fasting for peace in Ukraine

Dear Friends,

As you know, earlier today Russia began its invasion of Ukraine. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has condemned the decision, calling it “diabolical senselessness of violence.” My heart goes out to all those whose lives are affected by these acts of violence which have caused irreparable damage and an unnecessary loss of so many lives.

Our Holy Father has asked that we offer our fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday for the people of Ukraine. “I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace protect the world from the folly of war.” Let us join together with our Holy Father in praying for an end to armed conflict and a return to peace.

Yours in Christ,
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