



## **Association of Pittsburgh Priests**

### **HOLY WEEK, 2022 STATEMENT ON UKRAINE**

The Association of Pittsburgh Priests is appalled by the unjustified Russian invasion of Ukraine and the senseless death and destruction that has accompanied it.

We call for the immediate cessation of armed aggression and strongly affirm all ongoing diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis and strive for a peaceful resolution based on justice and the tenets of international law.

We implore the U.S. government, as well as governments of other nations, to open their borders and provide a place of refuge to Ukrainians fleeing war. And we encourage them to provide humanitarian assistance to those who remain in their homeland. In this vein, the APP is leading an effort to aid victims of the war through Catholic Relief Services.

Moreover, we ask all people of good will to support the courageous people of Ukraine through their prayers and by giving generously to charitable institutions assisting refugees and the displaced.

Finally, may this unwarranted act of Russian aggression perpetrated on a peaceful people cause us as Americans to examine our own conduct in regard to military interventions in Latin America, Southeast Asia, the Persian Gulf region, and Afghanistan.