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Act of Consecration of Humanity: Russia and Ukraine

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

May the Peace of the Lord be with you all!

Yesterday the Apostolic Nuncio sent an urgent appeal of our Holy Father Pope Francis regarding the consecration of our humanity and in particular Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This message has been sent today to all of you by our Diocesan Chancery – and regrettably it will be already late for many of you to act on it. I am sorry about that!

Having said that, I sincerely invite all our priests, deacons, religious and the faithful to unite our hearts, thoughts, intentions and prayers together with those of the Holy Father tomorrow, the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I commend all priests tomorrow, where possible, to offer Holy Mass in union with our Holy Father; all our deacons to assist and all the faithful to participate actively. The Holy Father asks all of us to recite the Prayer of Consecration throughout tomorrow in fraternal union with him.

Due to pastoral necessity and the desire to involve the large numbers of our faithful in different parish communities, in our Diocese, the Act of Consecration can also be recited solemnly at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful on the Fourth Sunday of Lent on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*  
Amen.

Yours in Christ, the Prince of Peace!

Bishop Vincent Mduzuzi Zungu OFM