To: Pastors, Administrators, Rectors, Principals

From: Director of Communication

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Re: Consecration of Russia and Ukraine

Archbishop Michael Byrnes has accepted the invitation by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to join him in consecration of Russia and Ukraine.

The Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be pronounced by the Pope on the afternoon of Friday, 25 March in St Peter’s Basilica. The act of consecration will be performed in communion with the local Churches throughout the world, including the Archdiocese of Agaña.

According to a Vatican Press release, “Pope Francis has invited the bishops of the whole world, along with their priests and the faithful, to join him in the prayer for peace and in the consecration and entrustment of Russia and of Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

The pope will make the prayer in the afternoon of Friday, 25 March – the Solemnity of the Annunciation – in St Peter’s Basilica, on the Celebration of Penance, scheduled to begin at 5 pm.

In the Archdiocese of Agaña, Archbishop Byrnes will make the prayer at 2 a.m. (Chamorro Standard Time) on Saturday, March 26, in the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica, Hagåtña. Prior to the Act of Consecration, the Holy Rosary will be prayed at about 1:30 a.m. and the Sacrament of Confession available for people.

The rosary and consecration will be livestreamed on the Dulce Nombre De Maria Cathedral-Basilica website aganacathedral.org, the Agana Cathedral Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

In the apparition of 13 July 1917 in Fatima, Our Lady had asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and the communion of reparation on the First Saturdays, stating that if this request was not granted, Russia would “spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church,” and “the good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated.”

Let us then join with Pope Francis and Archbishop Byrnes in the Act of Consecration and prayer for peace.