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Subject: Relief for refugee brothers and sisters in Ukraine

To the Most Rev. Superiors of the Rogationist Circumscriptions and to the Rogationist Communities

Dear Confreres,

For days now we have been receiving from Ukraine the terrible news of the devastation that the war is causing in that nation, and which is causing a great exodus, with the painful division of so many families. Around 600,000 refugees have left their homeland in recent days and most of them, about 400,000, have found refuge in Poland, others in Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia. Not a few are expected to arrive in Northern Italy as well.

We are sharing the suffering of these brothers and sisters of ours with our prayers and, as Pope Francis has exhorted us, also with fasting, spiritual weapons that are particularly precious during this time of Lent.

The St. Anthony Province, which is present in Poland with the Communities of Krakow and Warsaw, and in Slovakia, with the Community of Presŏv, is generously opening its welcome, also promoting the collaboration of people and entities open to this action of solidarity.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25, 35). Father Hannibal, who lived this word of the Lord to the full, asks us to do all we can to dry the tears of these brothers and sisters of ours.

I invite you, therefore, to make yourselves instruments of Divine Providence and to show your solidarity in favor of these brothers and sisters in this terrible trial they are experiencing. We are certain that the Lord will reward our generosity.

Your contribution will be addressed to

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The General Treasurer, Fr. Gioacchino Chiapperini, will refer to the Provincial Superior of St. Anthony Province, Fr. Eros Borile, for the transfer of aid. In turn, Fr. Marcin Bajda has been indicated as a point person in St. Anthony Province.

I thank you in advance for your generous participation, renew my best wishes for a holy Lent, and extend cordial greetings in the Lord.

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