

MASS TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am

9:30 am (livestreamed)

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS

8:15 am

SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:30 am

9:30 am (livestreamed)

11:30 am

5:00 pm

CONFESSION

THURSDAY:

5:00-6:00 pm

SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am

3:00-4:30 pm

SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

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PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at (303) 466-8859 or at joannefarver@comcast.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:30 am Manuel Solano Martinez

by All His Children

4:30 pm † Eleanor & John Cole

by Ken & Mary Ann Cole

SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:30 am † Carol Serkowski 9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am † Andreina Piñero

by Adriana Piñero and Family

5:00 pm + Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, MAY 22

7:00 am † Michael McManus

9:30 am † David & Betty Malysa by Son

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:00 am † Tom Fattor

by Bea & Fred Bingham

9:30 am Paul Watson Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 am Omar Muniz healing

by Chavez Family

9:30 am † Dianne Stiener by North Metro Catholic Singles

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00 am Veronica Harris

9:30 am † Elizabeth & Sam Novak by Moreia Family

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:00 am † Michael Schuster 9:30 am † Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:30 am All Members of the Solano

Moreno Family by Gloria Moreno

4:30 pm Lori Cole-Holmbo & Family

by Ken & Mary Ann Cole

SUNDAY, MAY 28

7:30 am † Adriana

9:30 am People of the Parish

11:30 am Roz & Jack Gallagher Wedding

Anniversary by Gallagher Family

5:00 pm † Laurence Langer

by Langer Family

ARCHBISHOP AQUILA'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION:

For a deep love and respect for mothers and their gift of life

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PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am | CL/Communion & Liberation

11:00 am | RCIA Mentor Meeting

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary 6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 22

8:30 am | PK End of Year Celebration

10:00 am | ENDOW

2:15 pm | JV Athletic Awards

2:45 pm | 1st-5th Grade Awards Assembly

6:30 pm | Biblical School

6:30 pm | New Springtime Prayer Group

6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group

6:45 pm | St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group

TUESDAY, MAY 23

1:00 pm | Adult Tuesday Bible Study

6:30 pm | Venturers

7:30 pm | CLU/CL University Students

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group

8:15 am | ENDOW

6:15 pm | Boy Scouts Tr. 766

THURSDAY, MAY 25

6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry

7:30 pm | CL/Communion & Liberation

FRIDAY, MAY 26

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus

9:00 am | ENDOW

1:00 pm | Great Adventure Bible Study CL

SATURDAY, MAY 27

8:00 am | CL/Communion & Liberation

8:00 am | Marian Cenacle/Linda Kent

8:45 am | Pro Life Rosary

12:00 pm | JPII Families Gathering 3:30 pm | Holy Rollers Meeting



SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY—SUNDAY AUGUST 10—13

SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Patti Panfil

COLLECTION COUNTERS Mon, May 22 | 10:00 am

Ann McGinness Deborah Mittleman Bob Johnson Tricia Kreggeris

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PRIVILEGED TO BE THERE

hen I receive a call from the parish emergency number, I never know what to expect. Nativity has in its boundaries two hospitals and a dozen nursing homes or assisted living residences. We are also called by nearby hospitals, especially when the sick person is one of our parishioners. The emergency call service for the sick works 24/7. Every time the phone rings you must abandon what you are doing to rush to the bedside of a sick or a dying person.

One day I got a call from Frank, a 45-year-old man, who was dying at Good Samaritan Hospital, and asked for baptism. A childhood friend, with whom they had attended Catholic school together, was the spokesman for the friend's desire. When I got to the hospital I found Frank and his daughter, Maria. With a faint voice he told me about his difficult life: born in Japan to a family of American Military, he traveled following his father's career to several countries and then attended Catholic schools in the USA. However, his parents were not believers and he never had the courage to ask for baptism, even though he loved to go to Mass with his companions, especially during holidays such as Christmas or Easter. Then he had two daughters, whom he had baptized, and who were educated and raised in the Faith by the same friend who now invited him to surrender with confidence to God and receive baptism. Through a brief dialogue, I was able to verify that Frank had a good knowledge of the Faith and a sincere desire, in case he was healed, to follow God and live the life of the Church. So I asked his daughter to be his godmother and she, with tears in her eyes, accepted.

The rite for baptism in cases of emergency is very simple and essential: a brief reading of the gospel, the invocations, the profession of faith and the renunciation of Satan's evil doing. Finally, with a few drops of water on the head, I pronounced the trinitarian formula and anointed him with the Chrism. Never before have I realized how intense is the scent of the Chrism: in the hospital room, where everything tasted of detergent and medicines, the wonderful scent spread out everywhere, as if we were in a garden full of flowers. The strength of the Resurrection was also manifested in the healing of Frank, who after a few weeks was able to leave the hospital and start his new life.

Another moving episode happened with Andriy and Oksana, parishioners from Ukraine whose fourth child, Mark, was born prematurely at 24 weeks. As soon as the baby was born, they immediately called me for the baptism in the hospital. I wasn't prepared to find myself in front of a tiny creature, attached to the pipes of the incubator. The nurse showed me how to open the two round doors on the

side, just big enough to run my hands through. Then, in the presence of Mark's dad, I recited the baptism formula and, using a small dropper, I dropped just three drops of water on his forehead. To my astonishment, one of the drops remained there, on the forehead, like a pearl of a royal crown. I saw with amazement how God, through baptism, makes us Kings, Priests, and Prophets for His kingdom.

Often, from the patient's name, I can imagine where they come from. It is not uncommon to find people from Mexico or of Italian or Irish origin. The other week, I read the name Giuseppe and when I arrived at the hospital, I found the whole family around the bed of a nice Neapolitan man who emigrated to the USA in the 70s. He spoke a mix of English and his own dialect, while his children perfectly spoke Italian and English. It was a joy for them to meet an Italian priest, and alternating the two languages we exchanged common memories and prayed together with their father, who received Viaticum and the Last Rites. His son Tony called me two days later to thank me and to inform me that his dad had passed: miraculously he had a moment of lucidity just when I arrived with the Viaticum, after which he fell asleep and died peacefully.

God reveals Himself in a very powerful way both at the beginning of life or at the moment of death. As a priest, it is a privilege to be there, especially through the grace of the sacraments.

Fr. Matteo Invernizzi



DAILY READINGS

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Reading 1: Acts 18:23-28 Psalm: 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Gospel: Jn 16:23b-28

SUNDAY, MAY 21

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Reading 2: Eph 1:17-23 Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

MONDAY, MAY 22

Reading 1: Acts 19:1-8 Psalm: 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab

Gospel: Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 23 Reading 1: Acts 20:17-27 Psalm: 68:10-11, 20-21 Gospel: Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Reading 1: Acts 20:28-38

Psalm: 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab

Gospel: Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Reading 1: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Psalm: 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Gospel: Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Reading 1: Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm: 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab

Gospel: Jn 21:15-19 SATURDAY, MAY 27

Reading 1: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Psalm: 11:4, 5 and 7 Gospel: In 21:20-25

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US IN MAY

MONDAY-FRIDAY
AFTER 7 AM & 9:30 AM MASS
SATURDAY, 8:50 AM
SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Special times of prayer are being offered and all are encouraged to add the Rosary into their daily routine. Come, pray the Rosary with us!



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

CAMPAIGN: MAY 20-21, 2023

SPECIAL COLLECTION

We will be giving to this collection as part of our parish tithe, but if you would like to give an additional amount, please use the envelopes in the gathering area. To give online, please use the following link: https://ppay.co/VEgPdkcVuEo



DONATE

MAY-JUNE SOLEMNITIES

Sunday, May 21

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday, May 28

PENTECOST

Sunday, June 4

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, June 11

CORPUS CHRISTI

In 2023, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 8, but it is transferred to Sunday, June 11 in the Archdiocese of Denver.

MEMORIAL DAY PARISH OFFICE & FRONT DESK CLOSURE AND A CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

Please note that the Parish office and front desk will be closed on May 29. All activities will be canceled. There will be no Mass at 7:00 am.

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS: 9:30 AM

INVITATION TO "FUN" RAISER FROM ST. SCHOLASTICA CATHOLIC PARISH

JUNE 10-11, 2023

St. Scholastica Catholic Parish cordially invites us to a "Fun" Raiser event which will include Catholic Olympic Games, Carnival Games, Catholic Musical Performances, and Catholic Artists.



Gifts to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal are immediately invested in works of mercy, education, and charity. To make an immediate impact on our faith community visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614.



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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

On Memorial Day this year, Nativity and the Knights of Columbus will hold a ceremony in honor of all deceased military veterans who were immediate family members of our current parishioners. The service will take place following the 9:30 Mass on Monday, May 29, 2023.

If there are any family members you would like recognized, please complete the form found at the link below by Monday, May 22, 2023.

WWW.NOOL.US/MEMORIAL-DAY

Questions? Please contact Steven Peixoto at stevepex@gmail.com.



"If we fail to forgive, we're rejecting our own faith."

Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun, military chaplain and medal of honor recipient, former POW, Korean War. He died at the hands of his captors after blessing and forgiving them.

Register online at: www.stscholasticaerie.org/fun-raiser







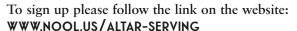
Altar Servers are needed for the upcoming solemnities:

Sunday, May 20/21 | The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 27/28 | Pentecost

Sunday, June 3/4 | The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 10/11 | Corpus Christi





FRIEND IN NEED

Friend seeks off street parking for a 7x14 RV and parking space for a truck. If you are able to help, please contact Matt, a Nativity parishioner, at 720-257-8087.

RESPECT LIFE: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD "BABY SHOWER"

MOTHER'S DAY/MAY 14 - FATHER'S DAY/JUNE 18

To support children, new mothers, and families in need, we will be collecting donations for Marisol in Lafayette, Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center, and Marisol Family (Formerly Gabriel House) in Boulder, from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Please drop off donations in the crib in the gathering area. The following items are needed:

Diapers (Newborn – sz. 5, especially need NB and sz. 4 and 5; Wipes (unscented/sensitive skin); Baby lotions, shampoos, washes; Baby bath towels, wash cloths; Diaper rash products; Newborn nasal aspirators; Pacifiers; Bibs; Knit caps; Booties/shoes/socks (NB – age 2); Bottles; Enfamil formula; Baby clothes (boys & girls, NB-2T), specific request for summer; Burp cloths; Blankets; Swaddling/receiving blankets; Nursing pads; Nursing pillows (Boppy brand); Diaper bags; Maternity clothes, new or gently used.

All items must be *new*, except for maternity clothes, and with tags on (if applicable). Questions? Please contact Janet Carpenter: janetacarpenter@comcast.net





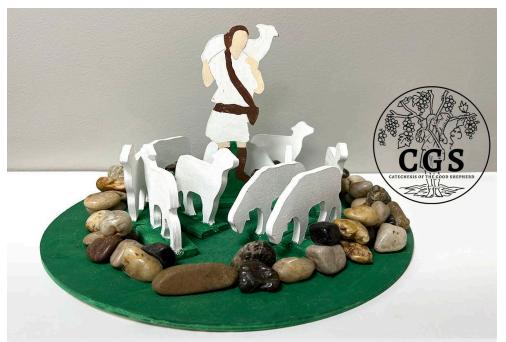


GRADES 1-6 | JUNE 26-3O, 9 AM-2:3O PM GRADES 7-12 | JUNE 25-29, 7-9 PM

Totus Tuus (Latin for 'Totally Yours') is a summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, Christian witness, and a ton of fun!

Register for FREE today at **nool.formed.org.**

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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

LEVEL 1 TRAINING AT NATIVITY 2023-2024

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REGISTER

TRAINING INFORMATION

SESSION 1: June 1-3, 5-6, 2023 SESSION 2: May 30-31, June 1, 3-4, 2024 SESSION 3: August 8-10, 12-13, 2024

9:00 am-3:30 pm 90 HOURS TOTAL required by the CGS National Association

Babysitting is available except for Saturdays. Mothers with infants are welcome to bring their infants with them to classes. Space is limited.

TUITION

The Tuition is \$600, payable in three installments of \$200 prior to each session. The Parish will pay for the Nativity teachers and Catechists committing to two years at Nativity.

Nativity Catechists with Level I training are welcome to audit at no cost.

REGISTRATION

https://nool.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/85/responses/new

"The child himself will be our teacher if we know how to observe him."

Sofia Cavalletti

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"Jesus Christ is the greatest educator in history: by the love of the Father and the action of the Holy Spirit, He brings us into being 'from above,' as He told Nicodemus (cf. Jn. 3:3). He frees us from the bondage of the self and opens us to the fullness of life in communion with God, with others, with creatures, and even with ourselves."

Pope Francis

"I'm not here to make you adopt the ideas I will give you as your own, but to teach you a true method for judging the things I will say. And the things that I will say are an experience, which is the outcome of a long past: two thousand years."

Fr. Luigi Giussani The Risk of Education Discovering Our Ultimate Destiny

Featured image: Andrea Pisano, *Navigation*, base relief, ca. 1343–1360, Giotto's Bell Tower, Florence, Italy

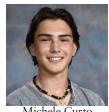














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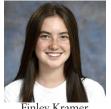




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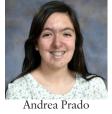


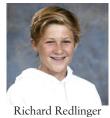












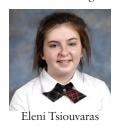
















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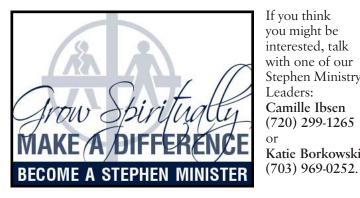
CLASS OF 2023

CONGRATULATIONS 8TH GRADERS!



EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Nativity of Our Lord Parish will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning Wednesday September 6, 2023. Stephen Ministers work alongside our clergy and religious to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry!



If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Camille Ibsen (720) 299-1265 Katie Borkowski

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We joyfully celebrate the feast of the Ascension this week. Jesus, having completed his mission on earth, returns to the Father. Like the apostles, we too will begin to gather and pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, several of the gifts of the Holy Spirit seem to particularly stand out to help those in need: wisdom, understanding and counsel. We pray for knowledge, the ability to listen well, and the wisdom to also discern the best path on how to help our clients. We also pray for the gift of counsel, which is the ability to both give and receive good advice.

Bishop Robert Barron also talks about the fruits of the Holy Spirit as discussed in the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 5:22-23. How do we know our paths are being guided by the Holy Spirit? St. Paul notes, "... the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

We need the Holy Spirit all throughout our life. Bishop Barron shares that Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, the President of Notre Dame (1952-1987), instructed that the best way to receive the Holy Spirit is to ask for it. Pray the "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" (Come, Holy Spirit), which is the sequence for the Mass for Pentecost.

This beautiful moving prayer is both prayed and chanted. To learn more about our local Nativity of Our Lord St. Vincent de Paul chapter, see our flocknote service at:

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for meeting times and updates.

FROM THE HOPE CORNER: A MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Now is the time to pause, reflect and focus on recovery and reaching out. According to the National Institute on Mental Health, half of the adults in the United States will develop a mental illness during their lifetime and one out of every five people experience mental health conditions each year, with only less than half of them receiving treatment. It's important to remember that you are not alone. If you or someone you love has a mental health condition, be gentle with yourself and please consider using the following resources for support and education:

National Mental Health Hotline | Call 24/7 to 988 or Text the word "TALK" to 38255

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline | Call 24/7 to 1-800-273-8255 or go to www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat

NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness | Free programs, groups, education, resources | 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) or go to www.nami.org/Support-Education/Mental-Health-Education

Mental Health America | Free screenings, tips, prevention strategies, www.mhanational.org

Safe2 Tell | For students, parents and community members 1-877-542-7233 or Safe2Tell app

Interfaith Network on Mental Illness (INMI) offers education and consultation for ways to understand the importance of spirituality in recovery from mental health conditions. Visit: www.inmi.us

Substance Abuse and Addiction Hotline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Hope Coalition-Suicide Prevention www.hopecoalitionboulder.org

PsychHub | Education, videos, learning modules, information, podcasts | www.psychhub.com

Mental Health First Aid | Training in warning signs and mental health/addiction concerns. Visit: www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org

THE HOPE CORNER is a mental health ministry committed to instilling hope and reducing stigma. Please contact The Hope Corner with any questions. If you or a family member need a referral, information or community-based resources, contact Becky Kusick, MA, LPC at hopecornerministry@ gmail.com or 303-907-6499.





T arrived at the New York Encounter just after returning from my last trip to Ukraine, where I saw the drama of my people. I visited a parish in downtown Lviv where the funerals of three hundred soldiers were held. Imagine what it means for a priest to be close to all these mothers, wives, and daughters. Arriving at the Encounter, by contrast, I was impressed by the atmosphere of joy and friendship with which I was greeted. I met educated, curious people, free from the contemporary factions in which one takes sides even within the church, men and women who seek depth and authenticity, a seeking that generates peace. This is the task of the church."

Monsignor Borys Gudziak, the metropolitan archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, spoke at the New York event alongside Monsignor Gabriele Caccia, apostolic nuncio to the United Nations, on the theme "Peace on Earth." On that occasion, Gudziak said, "Peace is really a divine thing. It is the life of the Trinity. War, invasion and imperialism, on the other hand, are the work of the devil. War is a violation of every single commandment. It is a violation of God's will. The ministry of the church is to remind us of this; it is to help us live according to what God asks of us. Prayer and acknowledging ourselves to be in the presence of the Lord are foundational. Preaching the gospel, attentiveness to God's word in all circumstances, but especially in the face of war, have great meaning. Moments of prayer, more than protests, leave people with a sense of peace." [...] Born in 1960 in Syracuse, New York, to Ukrainian parents and the former rector of the Catholic University of Lviv, the archbishop begins with his roots in recounting the last twelve months experienced by his people.

A new wound on a wounded body.

I am a historian and I spent twenty years gathering information about the persecuted church in the Soviet Union. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was, from 1946 to 1989, the largest illegal church in the world. In 1945 all of our bishops were arrested. Hundreds of priests, with their families, were sent to Siberia because they refused to break communion with Rome. At that time the Ukrainian Eastern Catholic Church was very deeply rooted in the fabric of society in the western regions of the country. The priest was a community leader and his wife might be an educator, a choir director, or a theater organizer. Their children often became members of the intelligentsia.

This church was a reality that, because of its communion with the universal church, had a bond to the outside world, even a canonical one, that made it more difficult to control. That is why Stalin wanted to make it disappear. Today in the occupied eastern regions there is not a single Catholic priest left, and in Crimea those who remain are persecuted.

You have been to Ukraine six times since the invasion began. What have you seen?

A traumatized people confronted by daily bombing, both the actual bombing and that of the headlines. Every Ukrainian checks the news five or more times a day to find out what happened overnight and which areas have affected. They want to find out if family and friends are still alive. [...] In the first two months of the invasion, seven million people left the country and another seven million became internally displaced persons. I cannot recall another occasion in

history when fourteen million people were forced to leave their homes in such a short period. Many have since returned, but the exodus has not stopped. Inside this drama is the additional one of family separation, because martial law prevents men between the ages of eighteen and sixty from going abroad. Added to this is the trauma of violence against civilians. I do not think you can still doubt what happened in Bucha. I talked to people who were tortured, widows, parents who lost their children, young people who lost their friends, soldiers who were maimed or paralyzed. [...]

What is the root of this violence?

Adam seizes the fruit that leads to death. This "grabbing" is the origin of all violence. God has given us everything and said, "Live this gift." War is "the great grabbing"; it is a violation of all the commandments. It is taking other people's lives, it is taking other people's land, it crushes humanity, culture, and creativity. Yet I do not only see violence.

Meaning?

People go on living. They do not talk much, but they do things, they act. The country goes on. We have seen an incredible surge of solidarity. I see principles of the social doctrine of the church in action: the defense of human dignity and solidarity, as well the practice of subsidiarity and the pursuit of the common good. Today seven million people live in other people's homes or in religious or cultural institutions. It is very significant that, with fourteen million displaced people, there has been no need for refugee camps. There has been a huge mobilization abroad as well, in Europe and also in the United States, Canada, and other countries. When I talk to Ukrainians, they always ask me to thank the people who are helping them.

The pope keeps calling for peace and dialogue.

Peace is the end of war, but it needs justice to be so. And the only person who can stop the war is President Putin. Ukraine has no interest in attacking Russia, but Ukrainians cannot stop defending themselves. If they do, there will be no more Ukraine, with its language and its Eastern Rite Church. The pope always asks for us not to be abstract. For Jesus, the highest commandment is "love God and your neighbor," and to explain what "love your neighbor" means, the pope recounts the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus loves the one who recognizes and helps the victim. The criterion for peace

should be the position of the victim. And here the victim is clear. Ukraine has historically shown its option for peace.

In what sense?

I am referring to the Budapest Memorandum signed in 1994 in which Ukraine gave up its nuclear arsenal (then the third largest in the world) on the condition that its security, independence, and territorial integrity be respected. That document was signed by the United States, the United Kingdom, and Russia. In that year, the Ukrainian army numbered 900,000, but by 2014 the number was down to 150,000. This was an act of trust in humanity, in peace, in the possibility of coexistence between peoples. These steps taken by the Ukrainian state and people are often forgotten. The answer was war.

And what does "loving one's enemies" mean to you?

First of all, I pray for the conversion of the invaders. A friend, an Italian, counseled me in the aftermath of the invasion to "safeguard your heart." And I have been working on this every day. It is difficult, especially for those who have lost family members, and in light of torture and war crimes. In a world dominated by individualism and relativism, where everything is treated as something that can be bought and sold, there are those in Ukraine who say, "Yes, my life is important. But there is something even more important: the truth. There is truth and there are lies. There is good and there is evil. And I am willing to risk my life to affirm the good. And I can do it because God is present. Even if I die, I will not fail."

What can we do for peace?

Pray, become informed, inform others of the facts, and help where and however you can. There are so many humanitarian needs, even near you.

Source: https://english.clonline.org/cmfiles/2023/04/05/apriltraces-2023.pdf





Archbishop Borys Gudziak speaking at New York Encounter 2023 during the event *Peace on Earth*. The event was moderated by Holly Peterson.

"There is good and there is evil. And I am willing to risk my life to affirm the good. And I can do it because God is present. Even if I die, I will not fail."

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