

**Statement of the**

**Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province,**

**on the Invasion of Ukraine by Russia**

**February 24, 2022**

The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great express deep sorrow on the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, and particularly for the loss of life and for those injured. This illegal, unprovoked invasion is a terrible violation of human rights and threatens to lead to unfathomable bloodshed and prolonged conflict.

We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and call upon all people of good will to support Ukraine during this crisis in whatever way they can: prayer, finances, volunteering, anything. We join with our Sisters of Saint Basil in Ukraine in praying for the people of Ukraine, and we call upon our government to support the freedom of the Ukrainian people with whatever means are available and necessary.

We recommend everyone read the statements of His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, Patriarch of the Ukrainian Catholic Church; and His Grace, Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. These can be found at <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/>.

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