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Święty Krzyż (Holy Cross), February 27th 2021

Dear brothers!

Let me share with you few words about the situation of the Oblates in Ukraine. Last week the country was attacked by the Russian army, the full scale war broke out, with many innocent victims.

The Oblates remain with the people. They open their houses and churches and shelter those who seek refuge. They stay connected with one another and organize regular meetings online. During the last meeting on Saturday, the community in Kiev had to withdraw to the shelter, because sirens started to announce the attack. Some equipment from the media-center in Kiev was transferred to another place, because of the bombing in the neighborhood. The Oblates keep good spirit, they continue their ministry. I am very grateful for their witness and courage. May they be safe and free from any harm!

Thousands of refugees from Ukraine have fled to Poland. We make available our houses to shelter the people in case of necessity. It is the same with many Church and other institutions. So far I have heard about three oblate communities where such help was required. We also collect money to support the suffering people in Ukraine.

We pray for peace, a daily rosary was scheduled in every community and in every parish. The superior of the Delegation, Fr Witalij Podolan will send more update soon.

Thank you for your prayer and solidarity with Ukraine and the Oblates who work there. May God give us peace, may the Ukraine succeed in defending its freedom!

In Christ and Mary Immaculate!

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