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## **Fact Sheet: Salesian Support in/for Ukraine – REDACTED**

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### **General Facts:**

- 3/01 – UNHCR (the U.N. migration agency) has said that more than 660,000 refugees have fled Ukraine for neighboring countries (source: UN) [Reuters article](#)
- 3/01 – UNHCR estimated about 470,000 foreign nationals, including students and migrant workers, were stranded in Ukraine and urged neighbouring countries to grant them refuge if needed.
- The U.N. has estimated the conflict could produce as many as 4 million refugees
- Relevant article: [Ukraine crisis: How many refugees and where might they go?](#)
  - From the article: As for countries, the UN says that by 13:00 GMT on 1 March:
    - **Hungary** had taken 89,561
    - **Moldova** 65,391
    - **Slovakia** 54,304
    - **Romania** 38,461
    - **Belarus** 329
    - 51,797 people have moved on from these countries to others in Europe.
- Relevant article: [Ukrainians face long journeys to borders as fighting escalates](#)
- Up-to-date reporting from Reuters [here](#)

### **Catholic News:**

- 3/01 – [Bomb hits Catholic diocese's headquarters in besieged city](#) (Kharkiv)
- 2/28 – [Polish archbishop greets Ukrainian refugees arriving at train station as humanitarian crisis grows](#)
- [Catholic News Service: UPDATE: Where to give to help Ukraine](#)

## **Salesian Presence in Ukraine (REDACTED):**

*Note: due to security concerns, we cannot disclose the locations. We ask that any journalists reporting on the activities also follow suit and not disclose locations (even if they are aware of the locations).*

- Provincial Father Chaban Mykahylo, vice province of Ukraine of the Greek - Catholic Rite (UKR), noted on 2/28 that 75 children were in Salesian care and that they could host up to 300 refugees. There is a starting plan to help the children at the Salesian orphanage.
- Salesians have programs in XXXXXXXXXX. There is a Salesian orphanage with 70 children in XXX that will also host other children from orphanages in eastern Ukraine and from families in difficulty.
- There are Salesian confers in Krakow Province, which has five branches in Ukraine: XXXXXX (3 brethren), XXXXXX (3 brethren), XXXXXX (2 brethren), XXXXXX (2 brethren) and XXXXXX (4 brethren). There are Salesian parishes in these communities and Salesians are remaining there with their parishioners. People are taking refuge in Salesian houses and in the basement of schools. The province is also helping the thousands of refugees who are arriving to XXXXXX, Poland each day.

## **Salesian Needs:**

- Monetary donations for things like power generators
- Material goods: Sleeping bags, thermal blankets, sleeping mats
- Medical: Bandages, disinfectants, saline solutions
- Food: Tinned food, rice, polenta, pasta, baby jars
- Hygiene: Soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, liquid wash, diapers

## **Salesian Pledge Support from around the Globe**

- Salesian Missions USA has set up a fund to help support Ukrainian refugees and will be launching a campaign.
- The Province ILE of Italy has sent 20,000 Euro. They have launched a campaign through all their channels. ILE will also finance the construction of an air-raid shelter for the children of Lviv (70,000 euros).
- Misiones Salesianas Spain is contributing 10,000 Euro to cover the first needs of the emergency.
- The GBR province sent an initial donation of 10 000 Euro and will launch an appeal for further funds.

- The 11 Provinces of India will make a small contribution.
- Ireland has started a campaign. <https://www.salesiansireland.ie/story/support-for-ukraine/>
- Germany has started a campaign.
- Slovenia has started a campaign.

### **Messages from Salesian missionaries working on the front lines:**

After a long journey for refugees, Salesians say, “Now the first thing to do is to eat, then sleep. Tomorrow we will think about the rest.”

The dreams of many children and their families in Ukraine are shattered as they flee their homes and fears of the fighting in Ukraine.

As the violence continues, people in Ukraine are fleeing to the borders to find safety in neighboring countries.

Refugees escaping the fighting along the Russian border are being given food and shelter as they are cared for by Salesian missionaries.

Children carrying their belongings are among the refugees being cared for by Salesian missionaries at Ukraine’s border.

Refugees carrying their belongings have fled to the borders as fighting continues in Ukraine.

Even the smallest infants and children have become refugees at the Ukraine border—with or without their parents as some families are split apart.

Uncertainty faces many refugees who arrive at the Ukraine border.

Refugee families care for their children at the Ukraine border, while Salesians say others ensure their children are safe, decide to stay behind—at home, under the bombs.

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