



CNEWA *Call to Action*



Ukraine

Communism tried to defeat the church

Today, Ukraine is home to the biggest Eastern Catholic church

The faithful still suffer from poverty and insecurity

The need is great for God's healing love

Very recently, Ukraine has seen dramatic changes. The nation faces deep and serious challenges, from economic crises to military threats from Russia.

Ukraine's clergy and laity have shown extraordinary courage in this period of change. With their bodies, they are protecting people from violence. With their voices, they are speaking out loudly for peace, harmony and the common good.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association has accompanied and supported the Ukrainian Catholic Church for 25 years. We will continue to do so in these hopeful yet uncertain times.

How You Can Help

The people of Ukraine urgently need your prayers and your generous financial support. Please help the Ukrainian Catholic Church to:

Foster unity

During this crisis, churches of every tradition are working together in a spirit of harmony never witnessed before. This new unity could save Ukraine — but only if it is nurtured and grows.

Lift up the poor

Today, the poor are forgotten as Ukraine tries to regain its political stability. So, it is up to the church to share Christ's love with the elderly, the sick, the disabled and those most in need.

Care for children in need

The most vulnerable are the street children who have been orphaned and abandoned. You can help provide homes for these children filled with safety and love.

Renew Christian values

The Holy Spirit can guide Ukraine to achieve justice, harmony and peace. The nation needs a deep and powerful spiritual renewal in its seminaries, its parishes and its faithful.



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Snapshot: **Ukraine**



Population: 45 million

Capital: Kiev

Languages: Ukrainian (official), Russian

Major Religions: Orthodox 68%
Greek Catholic 8%

Life Expectancy: 69 years

Challenges: Deep economic crises, military threats from Russia, abandoned children, H.I.V./AIDS, tuberculosis

Sources: Razumkov Centre, United Nations

History

1946-89: The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is persecuted and forced underground

1991: Ukraine declares independence from the Soviet Union

2004-05: A rigged election sparks the Orange Revolution

November 2013: Protests begin demanding closer integration with Europe

January 2014: The government threatens to outlaw the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

February 2014: Some 100 protesters are killed before Ukraine's president flees

March 2014: Russia invades the Ukrainian region of Crimea



What is CNEWA?

Catholic Near East Welfare Association was founded by the Holy Father with a mission to share the love of Christ with the churches and peoples of the East. We work for, through and with the Eastern Catholic churches to identify needs and implement solutions. CNEWA connects you to your brothers and sisters in need. Together, we build up the church, affirm human dignity, alleviate poverty, encourage dialogue — and inspire hope.

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