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Dear MAMI Family,

We are reaching out to you, our MAMI family, to be part of a global Oblate effort to assist families in our Oblate parishes in Ukraine. We have over 25 Missionary Oblates in Ukraine serving areas such as Kyiv, Rokitne, Lviv, Tyvriv and Chernihiv who have been providing us with regular updates.

Food such as bread is starting to be rationed with queues of 4-5 hours at grocery stores. Due to the bombings, the people are having problems with gas, electricity and communication networks.

Thousands of refugees from Ukraine have fled to Poland where the Oblates have opened their houses and churches to shelter the refugees. Parishioners and others who were not able to evacuate have also taken refuge in the basements of Oblate parishes in Ukraine.



*Missionary Oblate Fathers in Ukraine:
Pawel Wyszowski, Bogdan Sawicki and Rafal Strzyzewski*



*Missionary Oblates lead Prayer Service
L-R: Sch. Norbert Jablko and Fr. Vadym
Dorosh with two other Oblates*



A recent message from Fr. Vitalij Podolan, OMI, Delegation Superior of the Oblates in Ukraine reads: “*Over the past few days, it has been necessary to hide many times from bombings, but the Oblates do not leave their houses and parishes, but stay in them to accompany people, to support them morally, spiritually and materially... The risk related to vigilance at their places of service is very high.*”

Fr. Vitalij Podolan, OMI ~ Delegation Superior Ukraine

The Oblates in Poland are arranging shipments of materials to send to Ukraine with the most requested being mattresses for sleeping in the Church basements, subways and air-raid shelters. Oblate organizations around the world, similar to Lacombe MAMI, are responding with funds to buy food, drinking water, medicine, clothing, mattresses and other needed materials. Poland has committed 20,000 Euros; Ireland has committed 15,000 Euros; Italy has raised 26,000 Euros and Lacombe MAMI hopes to send \$ 20,000 CAD or more.

Please help the Missionary Oblates help the people of Ukraine.

You can donate on-line through our website: www.omilacombe.ca/mami/donations; (Once you click on the “One Time Gift” button, there is a “Designate my Donation to” box after you enter your name and address. Please indicate Ukraine.)

E-transfer to lacombemami@sasktel.net;

Call our office directly 1-866-432-6264; or

Send a cheque payable to *AMMI Lacombe Canada MAMI*

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St. Eugene de Mazenod, pray for us...

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