

## **An Urgent Appeal for Critical Support for Ukraine**

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A serious outbreak of pandemic flu in Ukraine is just beginning and is expected to rapidly escalate in the coming weeks. There is a critical shortage of medical supplies available for the people of Ukraine to alleviate the suffering. The Government of Ukraine has issued an urgent appeal for donations of specialized medical supplies to support sick and critically ill Ukrainians across their country. Given that the need is urgent, the best form of immediate assistance would be to raise funds to purchase needed medical supplies.

Collections for this urgent appeal will be held in all of our Ukrainian Catholic parishes on Sundays, November 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are to be forwarded to the Chancery promptly on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, so that the funds can be dedicated to the immediate purchase of medical supplies in hospitals.

Please be generous in responding to this urgent appeal for help. Know that your donation will be immediately given to those endeavoring to assist those suffering from the pandemic flu in Ukraine. Recall Jesus' own words: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25: 40). Thank you and God bless you for your anticipated generous response.