



Catholic Diocese of Ndola

MEMO

To: Vicars Forane, All Priests, Religious Men & Women, Diocesan Institutions, Members of Staff (Pastoral Offices) and All the Lay Faithful of Catholic Diocese of Ndola

From: Director – Pastoral Programmes

Cc: Bishop's Office
Diocesan Senior Management
CEO – Radio Icengelo

Date: Saturday, 19th March 2022 (Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM)

Subject: Celebration of Mass to Consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate heart of Mary

This serves to inform you all that the Holy Father Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a special moment of prayer on the **25th March 2022 at 17:00hrs (Rome time)**. Furthermore, the Holy Father has requested every Diocesan Bishop with his own presbyters to join in prayer for peace on that date.

It is for this reason that the Shepherd of our Diocese **Rt. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Phiri** has asked all the Priests, Religious men & women and all the Lay Faithful to join in this special moment of prayer. Therefore, all the parishes in the Diocese have been asked to celebrate a special Mass at the same time (**18:00hrs Zambian time**) on the said date except for the parishes based in Ndola District.

The parishes in Ndola District have been asked to send only **10 parishioners each** to join the Bishop and all Ndola based priests to celebrate the said special moment of prayer, which has been scheduled to place as follows:

Date: Friday, 25th March 2022 (Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)

Time: 18:00hrs

Venue: Cathedral of Christ the King - Ndola

The Mass to be celebrated will be the **Solemnity of Annunciation of the Lord**, thus all concelebrating priests are reminded to bring with them white colour of vestments to be worn. Cathedral Parish to provide one choir to lead the singing.

Kindly take note of this important notification. Wishing you God's blessings in your ministry!

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Fr. Matthew Mumba, ofm conv.

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