



Bishop Kevin Vann and Diocese of Orange to host special interfaith prayer service for peace in Ukraine

Description

The ecumenical service at Christ Cathedral, which coincides with Ash Wednesday celebrations happening throughout the Diocese on March 2, echoes Pope Francis' call for an end to war and the restoration of peace.

Garden Grove, Calif. (February 28, 2022) — Bishop Kevin Vann, in partnership with ecumenical partners throughout Orange County, will be presiding over a special prayer service for peace in Ukraine on Wednesday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Cathedral, the spiritual home of the Bishop of Orange. The service coincides with the day's Ash Wednesday celebrations.

Orthodox and Eastern Catholic clergy and leaders have been invited to Wednesday's prayer service. In hosting the prayer for peace for all of Orange County's faithful, Bishop Vann will be echoing Pope Francis' call on Feb. 23 for an end to war and the restoration and nurturing of peace: "May the Queen of Peace protect the world from the folly of war."

Wednesday's prayer service, which is expected to last at least an hour, will also be livestreamed on the **Cathedral's website** and its **Facebook page**.

The Diocese of Orange urges those who want to help Ukraine to **donate to Catholic Relief Services by clicking here**.

Media outlets wishing to cover the prayer service at Christ Cathedral or Ash Wednesday at any Diocese of Orange parish are requested to RSVP with the Office of Communications by [emailing Bradley Zint](#) or by calling (714) 282-6052.

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About the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange

With 1.3 million Catholics, 57 parishes, five Catholic centers and 35 schools, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange is one of the largest and most diverse faith communities in the United States. The Diocese empowers Catholics across Orange County to have an active life of faith that is integrated and woven into the fabric of their daily lives through the community and sacramental life of the Church. Under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Vann, the Diocese works to establish and support dynamic, vibrant parishes and schools welcoming all to live the Gospel with faith, joy, charity and unity. Christ Cathedral, the spiritual home of the Bishop of Orange, was dedicated in July 2019.

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