

Dominican Sisters International Confederation

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Update on Ukraine

Dear Sisters,

We have heard from Sr. Karola Mária Dravecká, OP, General Prioress of the *Slovak Congregation of Dominican Sisters of Blessed Imelda*. Her letter is attached to this message, along with several photos of some of the refugee children being helped. You will note that one of their Sisters, Sr. Lydia, has remained in Ukraine to assist with the needs of refugees. Other Sisters in the Congregation have been going to the border, to meet the refugees as they enter, and bring some of them to the Sisters' houses. Sr. Karola has provided **Bank Information** (see below) for those who feel that they want to help this effort. Please note that the Congregations street address is included, for those of you who need to include this in the wire transfer.



Bank:	Tatrabanka, a.s. Hodžovo námeste 3, 811 06 Bratislava, Slovensko (Slovakia)
Account Number:	2669704092
Bank Code (Key):	1100
IBAN:	SK14 1100 0000 0026 6970 4092
SWIFT CODE (BIC):	TATRSKBX
Account Holder:	Kongregácia sestier dominikánok blahoslavenej Imeldy
	Parková 27
	821 05 Bratislava

Sr. Hannah Rita Laue, OP, and her housemates (*Dominican Congregation of Bethany*), have opened their home in *Latvia* to refugees. Hannah writes:

"So far the women and the little child living at our place are able to even pay a little rent for their place. We are happy about it, mostly because it gives them the feeling of still being in controle and protects their feeling of dignity. We are going to buy new mattresses, two more fridges and another washing machine and maybe two mini-ovens. This gives us a chance to create separate territories for families. It is so important to have a safe, private space, a room for intimacy with your own grief and fears, and to relax, as far as that is possible" As of now, they are managing with the assistance of donations from Germany. She will let us know if their situation becomes such that other assistance is needed.

Sr. Gene Poore has been in touch with Sr. Krista Ludmila Chladkova, OP Prioress of the *Czech Congregation Dominican Sisters*. Sr. Krista writes:

Thank you very much for your e-mail and your readiness to help. I am sure you have already heard from the Slovak Sisters who have a community in Ukraine - help is definitely most needed there. As for us, we offered our guest rooms in different communities to several families. For some time, we are able to take care of them (food, clothes, some transport...). But later... And of course, there are many people needing help all around us. Some of us help as volunteers with the Catholic Charity and if there is any money, we know how to use it.

With a prayer,

sr. Krista OP

Bank Information for Czech Sisters:

Account Owner	ČESKÁ KONGREGACE SESTER DOMINIKÁNEK
Account type	Cash account
Account number	7000760247/0100
IBAN	CZ630100000007000760247
BIC / SWIFT code	KOMBCZPPXXX
Address of Congregation:	Veveri 469/27
	602 00 Brno
	Czech Republic

Finally, some have requested the bank information for the *Sisters in Madrid* again:

Banco Santander Calle Serrano, 51 28006 Madrid

 IBAN:
 ES5900495150132993025088

 SWIFT:
 BSCHESMM

Bank Account holder: Santo Domingo De Granada Curia General (R2800286C) San Mariano, 16 28022 Madrid Please indicate that the donation is for: **Evacuación Ucrania** Thank you for your continued prayers and your efforts to offer assistance in whatever way works best for you. We will keep you informed as we receive additional information from our Sisters.

During this season of conversion and change of heart, we also pray for those who willfully inflict such devastation on Ukraine and on its innocent civilian population.

Wishing you peace,

Your sister,

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