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Dear brother priests and deacons,

Our Holy Father has said that *“At this dark hour, the Church is urgently called to intercede before the Prince of Peace and to demonstrate her closeness to those directly affected by the conflict. This **Act of Consecration** is meant to be a gesture of the universal church, which lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace.”*

I will be celebrating Mass at St. Angela Merici in Pacific Grove, CA joining our Holy Father, Pope Francis in Rome to consecrate Russia and Ukraine, in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Friday, March 25, 2022**. It will take place in Rome in the context of a Penitential Service at St. Peter Basilica. The service begins there at 5 p.m. (9 a.m. P.S.T.), but the actual Consecration will take place at approximately 6:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m. P.S.T.)

I invite you to please join me in doing the same this Friday, March 25th with the people of your parish community. If you do the Act of Consecration during the celebration of Eucharist, I recommend it being done *‘after’ the Prayer after Communion and before the Final Blessing*. If you want to do it during the Praying of the Rosary, I recommend the actual prayer to be prayed either before or after the Rosary is recited.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your community of faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey