

Appeal to Provide Financial Assistance to Those Affected by the Flood in Western Ukraine

[How we, as the Eparchy of Saskatoon, can help]



As you may already know, parts of Western Ukraine are under water due to strong torrential rains that have been falling for several days in the past week. Two regions, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi, were affected the most. In the Ivano-Frankivsk region, over 4,600 houses were lost or flooded, 550 kilometers of roads were damaged or washed away, and 90 bridges are gone. In addition, at least three people lost their lives. Thousands of people had to be evacuated leaving their homes and properties behind. Many have lost their belongings and savings.

This is the time when our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need help. Patriarch Sviatoslav has sent a letter of appeal asking us, “to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our faithful and churches in our Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon to act in the spirit of the Good Samaritan of the Gospel, to support those who are deprived of their homes and have come face-to-face with misfortune.”

In response to our Patriarch's request and in the spirit of Christian love and fellowship, we are announcing a campaign to raise funds for people who lost everything due to the floods and now need food and basic necessities.

- Donations can be made on-line through our Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Office from their website www.ucfsask.org by clicking on the button on their home page: **“Donate to the Western Ukraine Relief Fund”** and complete and submit the form, **noting in the “Comments” box that this donation is directed for the “Western Ukraine Relief Fund”**.
- Donations can also be made by cheque made out to the **Ukrainian Catholic Foundation** and marked **“Western Ukraine Relief Fund”**, and mailed or dropped off at the UCF-SASK Foundation Office at 214 Avenue M South, Saskatoon SK S7M 2K4.
- Donations can also be dropped in your parish collection basket or parish office which will then forwarded to the Foundation Office.

All the donations received will then be forwarded through our Eparchy to the CNEWA Canada Office in Ottawa to distribute the funds to those affected by the Flood in Western Ukraine.

Note: You can also choose to make your donation directly on-line through the CNEWA Office on their website: <https://cnewa.org/ca/donate/> and from the drop-down “Donate To ”section, choose “Ukraine”.

No donation is too small or too large. However, your donation will change someone's life and God will repay a cheerful giver hundredfold. Please keep people of the affected areas in your prayers!



In Christ,

Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR
Eparch of Saskatoon Eparchy