

St. Gallen, 6 July 2022
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Most Reverend Eminence,
Most Reverend Excellence,

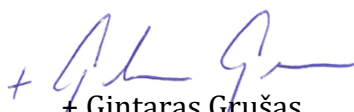
on behalf of the CCEE Presidency, I would like to invite you as President of the Bishops' Conference, and also together with your brothers in the Episcopate, to participate in a day of prayer for Ukraine as a moment of closeness and solidarity from the Church in Europe.

Following the beautiful experience of the "Eucharistic chain", accomplished during Lent with every CCEE member that guaranteed at least one Eucharistic celebration for the victims of the pandemic and for peace in Ukraine, we want to make another gesture of solidarity for this country stricken by the war that has already lasted many months.

This time we propose a day of prayer throughout the whole continent. We have chosen 14 September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, that is celebrated in a particularly solemn way in the Eastern Rite. The common form of prayer will be silent Eucharistic Adoration. It is left to you, and to your Bishops' Conference, to decide on the particular time and to organise this moment of prayer in the most appropriate manner.

I would be grateful if the Secretary of your Bishops' Conference could provide the CCEE Secretariat (ccee@ccee.eu) with the information regarding the mode and time of the celebration in your Bishops' Conference by 7 September 2022.

In fraternal communion of prayer



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