



Scripture

“Love virtue” Wisdom 1:1 from the Breviary

“But in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness is at home.” 2 Peter 3: 13 from the Poverty and Justice Bible, Catholic Edition.

Catechism

“The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deed. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known.” Catechism of the Catholic Church para. 2472

Comment

The shocking images of the invasion of Ukraine remind Christians of the effects of sin in our world and the need to live out our baptismal promise of being prophets to the society in which we live. In the words of St. Paul, ‘the love of Christ compels us’ (2 Corinthians 5:14) to act with justice and to promote peace and love of both God and neighbour.

Organisation of the month

UNICEF (The United Nations Children’s Fund) is raising funds to help vulnerable children and their families in the parts of Ukraine currently worst affected by the worst geo-political crisis since the end of World War II. Please visit www.unicef.org.uk to find out how to donate.

Think, Pray, Act

Pray: that God the Father may make you merciful; that God the Son may make you a light to the nations; that God the Holy Spirit may fan into a flame the gifts given to you for the Kingdom of God. Pray especially for the Salesians in Ukraine – and for the young people in their care – that God may protect them from all harm.

Think: about the Salesians in Ukraine and how you might be able to encourage them at this time.

Act: Visit www.unicef.org.uk for information about how you can help.

“Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do.” St. John Bosco, Letter to Cagliero, November 13th 1875