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Dear Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Canada

I write to you with a heavy heart as we all bear witness to an unprovoked attack on Ukraine by the Russian Federation. This has affected all of us who count ourselves as part of the global Ukrainian Diaspora – citizens and friends of Ukraine alike.

The national board of the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation in Canada (UCEF) applauds the amazing work done by many groups in Canada in supporting urgent humanitarian aid and support for the defenders of freedom via groups such as Canada Ukraine Foundation, Unite with Ukraine and Help Us Help. This work is helping save lives and defend freedom from totalitarian Russian aggression.

Effective today we are announcing the following:

1. A national ADOPT A STUDENT program to provide tuition for as many of the 2000 students as possible. To kick off the effort, UCEF will be providing a full year scholarship for 95 students in the amount of \$400,000.00. We ask for you to join us in this effort, 100 percent of your gift will go towards student tuition. All donations will receive a tax receipt.

You can help in the following way:

- a. Donate what you can
 - b. Donate tuition for a half year - \$2100.00
 - c. Donate tuition for a full year - \$4200.00
2. UCU Humanitarian Aid program to support the urgent needs the university is serving. To kick off this effort, UCEF is donating \$100,000.00 to the university immediately. We will also match additional donations up to \$50,000.00 The university is making a material difference in providing this aid to those in most need. We encourage our community to help on this where possible. Tax Receipts will be issued via Canada Helps.
 3. We will be holding a number of online community events across Canada over the coming weeks. The objective is to interactively keep you in the loop of the evolving situation on the ground at the university. The students and faculty look forward to sharing their amazing efforts and for each of them to know we are with them in body and spirit. The first event is planned for May 11, 2022. Please join us to get a student's view on the current situation.



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We have been in constant contact with the university to understand their evolving needs caused by this once in a generation crisis. This is an existential crisis unseen since the 1940's.

We have concluded that three things are mission critical to support the university as the war continues into its second month.

1. Students are facing unbearable hardship triggered by their inability to pay tuition and continue studies as their parents have either gone to defend freedom, become displaced persons or have become trapped in occupied areas. Of the 2200 UCU students, 1900 do not have the ability to continue their studies without a lifeline.
2. The university has pivoted to full online education which they were well practiced at due to the Covid crisis. In addition, they provide a safe haven for students from universities destroyed by Russian terror weapons. The university houses, feeds and educates students in need. The campus has been turned into a student refugee center. This includes families of students. The university has opened 2 medical clinics to provide much needed medical care onsite. UCU is trusted in the community and has become a transshipment point for humanitarian aid being moved to other parts of the country.
3. The board of UCEF is committed to supporting the evolving needs of students and the university as it does its job to the maximum to help the people in Ukraine in these dark hours.

A long time from now when peace reigns again, future students at the university will know that we the friends of the students did not forget them. That we helped when it mattered most. That we sacrificed and paid it forward to do the right thing this Lent 2022.

God Bless Ukraine. We pray that God Protects the Students.

Eugene Roman

Chair