

## Ukraine update for the Mary Ward Family

First, a sincere thank you to you all for your prayers for our sisters in Ukraine and for the people of Ukraine. Our sisters are deeply grateful for all the prayer and to the many who have been in touch with them directly in solidarity and support.

As things are moving so fast – and in a terrible direction – we wanted to give you a brief update, particularly on the situation of those in Kyiv. The two sisters there, Anastasia and Katarina, who are also blood sisters, work with Caritas Ukraine. They have opened the basement of their apartment building, which is a Caritas base, to women and children in the other apartments, trying to support them and also provide some necessities. The women and children go down to the basement as soon as the sirens sound. As you know, the fighting has now reached the streets of Kyiv and two nights ago, fragments from a downed rocket hit an apartment block near that of our sisters. Today, 26 February, the two sisters have joined many others in the city [see photos] to give blood.

In the west of the country, in Uzhgorod and Seredne, things are still quiet. All of the sisters are determined to remain in Ukraine, apart from Sister Tadea, who will go to Slovakia to volunteer at one of the refugee camps being set up by the Slovak government.

To end with the words of Sister Agnesa, the Slovak Provincial Superior, in an e-mail to her own Province members yesterday (the source of the information in this update) – *Let us be proud of these sisters of ours...and let us pray for them very much. They feel our support and our prayers and they greet each of you very warmly.*



Thank you all once again for your continued solidarity and prayer that these dark days for the people of Ukraine and for our world will soon come to a peaceful resolution and end.

**Venerable Mary Ward,  
pray for them and give them your spirit.**

Inessa  
Prisca  
Branka  
Tara  
Elisabeth  
Igona  
Noelle  
Elena  
Cecilia  
Macarena