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**Louis F. Kihneman, III**  
**Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi**

**Dear Bishop Louis, dear faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi!**

I address this letter to express my immense gratitude to you for the significant support that the Kyiv-Zhytomyr Diocese has received from you.

On February 24, Ukraine woke up to a new reality. We count our dead and wounded every day in this brutal war, which Russia has brought to us. It is impossible to count the number of people who were forced to leave their homes and seek refuge in other places in Ukraine and abroad. Also, the infrastructure of our state and its economy has been significantly destroyed due to hostilities.

When Bishop Kihneman told me about possible help from your diocese, I was reminded of an episode from the Acts of the Apostles (11:29) when the Church in Antioch rushed to the aid of Christians in Judea, not leaving them to their fate. Today, it is you, the Church of South Mississippi, who saw the trouble and came to our aid.

I thank the Lord that He has opened your hearts to our needs. I know that no one but you, dear brothers and sisters, know what it means to be in need after the devastating effects of the element. I thank you for noticing us in the hurricane of the world events and for showing the example of the Good Samaritan.

I also thank all of you for your prayerful help, which we receive imperceptibly but very fruitfully from your diocese! In times of war, we witness how the Lord does extraordinary things. He listens to the prayers of his children.


I am sincerely grateful to Bishop Kihneman and all the faithful of the Diocese of Biloxi for supporting Pope Francis' initiative to dedicate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary for Russia's conversion, and Ukraine for rescuing her from the aggressor, whose strength in many times is greater than the strength of the victim. We believe that the Lord will hear our prayers and His Holy Will will be done! His will is being done now!

We pray all the time for all our benefactors. We pray for you, beloved in Christ!

May the Lord bless each of you, your parishes and your diocese!

May God bless America and Ukraine!



  
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