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Your Eminence,

In the context of the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine, the Holy Father, Pope Francis will lead an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th next.

The Holy Father intends to invite each Bishop, or his equivalent in law, together with his priests, to join in this act of consecration, if possible, at an hour corresponding to 5pm Rome time.

In the coming days, the Holy Father will address a letter of invitation to the Bishops, enclosing the text of the Prayer of Consecration in various languages. I write now, asking you to inform the members of the C.B.C.I. and, through them, the priests of the various dioceses and eparchies of the Country, about the Holy Father's invitation.

The same information will be shared with the federal authorities in New Delhi, and with the Diplomatic Corps of this capital. An invitation is extended to the members of the same Corps to attend a Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, New Delhi, at 18:00 on Friday, March 25th next.

Grateful for your collaboration, I assure you of my good wishes and remain,

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Leopoldo Girelli", preceded by a small cross symbol.

Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli  
Apostolic Nuncio

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His Eminence  
Cardinal **Oswald GRACIAS**  
President of C.B.C.I.