



✉ Fátima, March 2022

To the President of the Russian Federation

Mr. Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin

The Shrines of Europe Association, which represents 7 Marian cities from 7 European countries: Altötting - Germany, Częstochowa - Poland, Einsiedeln - Switzerland, Fatima / Ourem - Portugal, Loreto - Italy, Lourdes - France and Mariazell - Austria is characterized by European identity, respect for equality and esteem for people, regardless of language, worldview, tradition or history. In our group, we cooperate for solidarity, democracy and human development in a sense of peace, freedom and justice among people. As a representatives of cities which every year are visited by millions of pilgrims from all over the world, as Europeans, as civilized people, we oppose Russia's assault on Ukraine and utterly condemn the devastating hostilities carried out by the Russian Federation. We mourn every life lost in this unequal struggle, we sympathize with the suffering of countless people and lament the destruction of the entire country. With all resoluteness we appeal for an immediate end to this inhuman war and the restoration of peace for Europe and the world!

The invasion of military forces commanded by you on your neighbour Ukraine is a flagrant violation of international law and a violation of human rights. Your army is annihilating Ukrainian cities - during attacks and bombings: municipal institutions, schools, nursery schools, hospitals, housing estates are turned into rubble, thousands of innocent people are killed, and millions of civilians flee to seek shelter in other European countries. Too many Ukrainians died already - children, adults, women and men. Enough tears have been cried by mothers of Russian soldiers who will have to pay the ultimate price in this pointless fight.



Russia's aggression, unheard of on the Old Continent since the end of World War II, has serious consequences for the stability of Europe and the entire world. Therefore, we call for the withdrawal of Russian troops and an immediate finding of a peaceful solution!

Best regards

Luís Miguel Albuquerque

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Luís Miguel Albuquerque". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

President of the Shrines of Europe Association

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