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**Bishop Ricken to Consecrate Russia, Ukraine at National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help**  
*Mass and Consecration is scheduled for March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

**(Champion, Wis.)** – Pope Francis recently announced his plan to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25, during the 5 p.m. Celebration of Penance at St. Peter’s Basilica. According to the Holy See Press Office, “The same act, on the same day will also be performed in Fatima by Cardinal Konrad Krajewski.” In unity, Bishop David L. Ricken, of the Diocese of Green Bay, will be consecrating Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25 at [The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help](#).

“To consecrate something is the act of setting it apart for our Lord and, furthermore, to consecrate it to our Blessed Mother is to deliberately put that intention into her hands,” said Rev. John Broussard, C.P.M. and Rector of [The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help](#). “In unity with the Holy Father, Champion Shrine is honored to host Bishop Ricken as he also consecrates Russia and Ukraine to our Blessed Mother’s Immaculate Heart and prays for peace within the world.”

Mass and the special consecration by Bishop Ricken will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. The community is welcome to join. The shrine’s stations of the cross devotion will also be available to the public prior to Mass at 5:20 p.m.

For more information on Champion Shrine events and happenings, visit [championshrine.org](#).

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**About the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help**

Located in Champion, Wisconsin, the [National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help](#) is the first and only Marian Apparition Site in the United States approved by the authority of the Catholic Church. The Shrine covers the peace-filled holy ground where Mary, the mother of Jesus, appeared to a Belgian immigrant woman named Adele Brise on October 9, 1859, identifying herself as “The Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners.” Six years after the [2010 decree of authenticity was made](#), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the site in Champion as a National Shrine.

For more information on the Shrine, its history and events, visit [www.championshrine.org](#) or follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). To sign up for its newsletter, click [here](#).

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