

# BRINGING CHRIST TO THE FRONTLINES!



## Supporting Ukrainian military chaplains who bring healing and faith to soldiers and their families amid war.

Ukrainian military chaplains serve on the frontlines, providing spiritual care, moral guidance, and psychological support to service members, the wounded, and the families of the fallen. Their ministry plays a vital role in strengthening the moral and spiritual resilience of Ukraine's Armed Forces.

### BREAK DOWN BY CONFESSIONS:

- Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU) – 245
- Ukrainian Catholic Church (UGCC & RCC) – 81
- Protestant churches - 40
- Muslims – 4

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*The activities of chaplains directly influence the formation of the spiritual resilience of military personnel – an inner strength that enables them to withstand a blow, relying on faith, values, and beliefs. The world today is searching for spiritual resilience. And, seeing Ukraine, it expects certain answers from us. We are glad to share our experience.*

Rev. Rostyslav Vysochan  
(Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church)

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*I want to be useful to my country and the church where I can contribute to the victory of good over evil. A chaplain is there to help the Ukrainian soldier to go through his combat path with dignity and worth. I am here to remind that “Christ is a wounded healer”, who cares for those who are suffering and sacrificing their lives out of the greatest love of all.*

Rev. Maksym Krolevskiy  
(Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church)

**Total number** of chaplains in the Ukrainian Military – **370.**

## RATIO OF 1 CHAPLAIN TO MILITARY PERSONNEL



## WHAT CHAPLAINS DO



**Pastoral ministry** to soldiers, who are in active military duty, families of killed military, war veterans, families whose loved ones are missing in action or in captivity.



**Humanitarian outreach** to those, who have been impacted by the war, especially in the areas near the frontline.



**Providing grief ministry**, and serving as advisors on ethical matters.



**Organization of summer camps** for children of military personnel and children of fallen heroes.

## CHALLENGES AND NEEDS

### ✓ Retreats and Rehabilitations

No state funding is available for chaplains' mental and spiritual care.

### ✓ Transportation Needs

Chaplains lack vehicles; fuel and repair costs depend on donations.

### ✓ Humanitarian Outreach

Support is needed to sustain aid programs for those near the frontline.

### ✓ Children's Rehabilitation Programs

Funding is required for summer camps and recovery programs for the children of military personnel.

### ✓ Financial Support through Mass Intentions

Chaplains are not assigned to parishes and rely on Mass intentions for income.



## Please help us to support military chaplains in Ukraine

*Donations can either be made online (via QR code), via check, Donor Advised Funds (DAFs), or Qualified Charitable Distributions (from IRA).*

*Checks should be made out to "Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia" with "Healing of Wounds of the War in Ukraine Fund" in the memo and mailed to the Philadelphia Chancery office: 810 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.*