

# Sister City Relationship Annual Report\*

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## Please attach the following information

### Updated information about the sister city:

- Areas of mutual interest and involvement between Milwaukee and the sister city in the areas of culture and business
- Details of communication and consultation with the sister city regarding the existing relationship
- Updated information regarding the local organizational structure in the sister city that supports the relationship including number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information

### Updated information about the applicant organization:

- Organizational status (e.g. 501c-3). List Board of Directors and attach bylaws
- Number of members, their professional and business background, names and contact information
- Progress of the goals of the organization regarding the sister city relationship
- Progress of activities of the organization in relation to the sister city
- Progress of the methods the organization uses to meet the goals of the sister city relationship
- Financial base of the organization and funds available to support the sister city relationship
- Evidence of local community support for the sister city relationship, including additional financial support and interest in exchange program

*\*Note: An annual report must be submitted to the Sister Cities Committee within 30 days following the anniversary of the date on which the mayor signed the resolution establishing the relationship.*

## Sister City, Irpin Ukraine

Due to the ongoing war in Ukraine the main contact with Irpin has been via e-mails with our primary focus on raising funds to provide humanitarian aid to support Ukraine in general. This effort has consumed all of our attention and as a result we have decided not to renew this relationship when our 5 year commitment expires.

To date we have raised and sent \$200, 000 to Ukraine

I want to Thank the Sister City Committee and members for all you have done and I treasure all the wonderful relationships developed through this experiences over the last 5 years.

### 2022/2023 List of Activity

Mayor Johnson has joined our Sunday Service and spoke with our congregation to demonstrate the cities support for Ukraine. He spoke at at the ceremonial lighting of Hoan Bridge with the colors of the Ukrainian Flag, attended the Cinco De Mayo Festival where St Michael's was recognized for the heroic efforts and resiliency of the Ukrainian people in their fight for freedom. He met with Ukrainian Mayor Markushin when he visited Milwaukee and has maintained phone contact with him.

WE hosted a group of doctors from Ukraine who were visiting the Medical College of Wisconsin to learn how we manage our blood banks since blood is such a critical need in Ukraine during this war.

We have been involved in many TV and printed media interviews to educate and inform, update people of the situation in Ukraine.

Numerous churches, schools, businesses and other organizations have made donations or hosted fundraisers with us to support Ukraine.

Here are some of them:

-The Milwaukee Admirals

- Advent Lutheran Church , at Cedarburg Strawberry Festival
- Polish Fest
- Holly Trinity Lutheran Latvian Church
- Cardinal Stritch University
- Milwaukee Catholic Home
- Downtown Buisness District Holiday Festival of lights.

Other fund raising and community events we conducted:

- 3 day Holiday Folk fair food and crafts booths
- Church Choir Christmas Caroling to homes throughout Milwaukee area
- numerous community rallies
- I am sponsoring a Ukrainian refugee from Irpin and many of our parishioners are sponsors as well.
- We are assisting refugee arrivals
- Our Church Picnic – all proceeds to Ukraine
- Our church has donated money to the International Institute of Wisconsin to help with Ukrainian Refugee resettlement needs

This is not an exhaustive list, but gives an example of what we are doing, and anticipate this activity to pick up, as we move into the second year of this war.

May God bless all of you and protect Ukraine.

Joseph Spolowicz  
St Michael's  
Parish Administrator.