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Dear Diocesan Director,

When war broke out in 2014 in eastern Ukraine, the economic hardships and ongoing armed conflict resulted in the mass migration of more than one million Ukrainians to live and work in Poland. Most of the immigrant population is well educated and between 25 and 45 years old; a majority are Christians, either Orthodox Christian or Eastern Rite Catholic.

Despite the size of the Ukrainian immigrant population, few Polish websites provided reliable sources of information in the Ukrainian language and Cyrillic alphabet, and none of the available sites were run from a perspective of Christian faith. With assistance from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Southern Polish Province of the Society of Jesus and the Ukraine Mission established DEON.UA, a web portal offering news from sources such as Reuters but also faith-based news from *L'Osservatore Romano* and *America* magazine, among others. In addition to news and faith resources, the site also features forums, blogs, and personal profiles, so users have a chance to build relationships as well as find information.

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Thank you for your continued support of this collection. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org.

Gratefully in Christ,

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