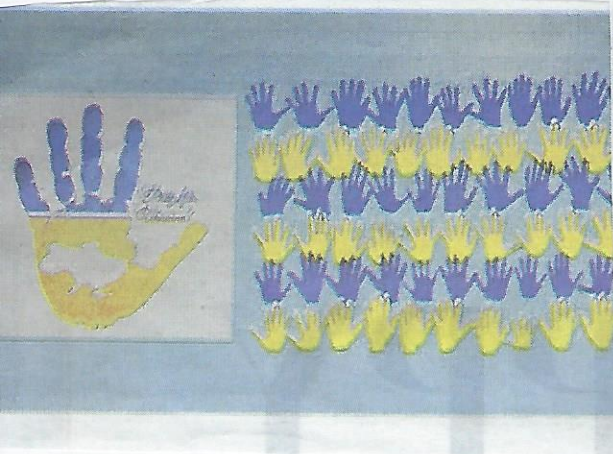


# Catholic School Students Pray for Ukraine

Catholic schools across the archdiocese participated in a student-driven Day of Prayer for Ukraine March 28. The initiative began with the suggestion of eighth-grader Kevin Corraj of St. Brendan's School in the Bronx and was supported by the principal there, Michele Pasquale. Kevin wanted schools to pray for Ukraine and for students to be permitted to wear clothing featuring the blue and yellow of the Ukrainian flag. The Superintendent of Schools office, led by superintendent Michael Deegan, was behind the initiative. The Catholic school community prayed for their safety and an end to all hatred, war and violence in Ukraine, Eastern Europe and around the world. Linda Dougherty, associate superintendent for Catholic identity, developed a lesson plan, including prayers and suggested songs, incorporating the blue and yellow colors and welcoming fundraising. Resources and strategies for teachers about how to talk to their students about war were included.



**BENEVOLENCE AT ST. BRENDAN'S**—Clockwise, from left, a bright mural crafted by students depicts handprints and hope, and bears the blue and yellow colors of the Ukraine flag. A poster below a collection container, flanked by Ukrainian flags, displays the total St. Brendan's School has contributed to the cause so far. Students join in prayer. Kevin Corraj, an eighth-grader at St. Brendan's School, the Bronx, speaks with the press at the school March 28, the Day of Prayer for Ukraine.

