

Sister's Spin

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While the Church does not emphasize the celebration of saints during the Lenten Season, it is good to note two whose feast days occur this year right after Ash Wednesday. These are Katherine Drexel and Casimir of Poland. In a sense, both lived very similar and yet very different lives. Katherine was an American Heiress who lived here in Philadelphia, gave up her wealth and began a religious community which served the poor of this country--Native Americans and Black Americans. Casimir was a prince who also gave up his right to rule and who hated the wars of his time and chose prayer and service to the poor instead. It is interesting that his feast is now and his country, Poland and Lithuania are now coming to the aid of the people of Ukraine. Casimir hated war and refused to serve even under his Father's command. So perhaps today is a good day to ask him to intercede for those suffering these days from this current conflict. Casimir is also considered one of the patron saints of Russia. Let us ask him to plead with God for an end to the war and for assistance for those who are suffering. Let us ask Katherine Drexel to pray that our country uses every peaceful means possible to assist those who are suffering as exiles. In this Lenten Season, may these saints inspire us to pray and work for peace.

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