Listen to the Cry of the Poor!
Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood
in partnership with the Municipality Laarbeek
host Ukrainian Refugees in their Motherhouse Aarle-Rixtel, the Netherlands
The convent, built in 1903, has been a place of refuge for people in need almost since the beginning. So when in February 2022 the news of the escalation of the war in Ukraine came, the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood in the Netherlands started to pray. And, with the help of neighbours, started to prepare for the refugees
Geef vrede, Heer, geef vrede

Laat ons bidden!

Praying for peace – February 2022
On the 14th of March, 2022, the first 4 refugees arrived in our convent. On the 15th, there were 9. The end of March, 28. The 1st of October, 40. Working closely together with the Municipality of Laarbeek
Overflowing willingness to help in the villages around us – The result is a convent cellar turned clothing shop for the refugees “Come without pay”
25 March 2022, joining in prayer
Kind village people brought washing- and drying machines. The municipality helped with the installation – in the cellar formally used as vegetable cellar!
One of our CPS elderly Sisters teaches English to the refugees
Young talent among the convent - refugees
Borschj, Ukrainian speciality
Much has been donated by a local organisation. Volunteers help to regulate.
March 2022, local Weekly News brought a good article, including an Interview:

“We are now in a safe place.”
Prayer service for peace with villagers the Refugees and Sisters at the Pilgrimage place of Mary in Handel.
Refugees and Sisters celebrate Easter; Coffee together after H. Mass on the Sunday of Mercy (Orthodox Easter Sunday)
Another young talent discovered among the Refugees!
Various Byzantine and Slavic choirs from near and far come to bring hope.
The Refugees start a beautiful vegetable garden.
In the former novitiate wing the mothers with children find a safe place. The municipality provided a play area – and the village volunteers bicycles!
The municipality brings... Covid19 Self Tests, masks and disinfectant. Very important in this time of history.
Various organisations and thoughtful people provide some computers, printers, paper. And laptops for the school children.
The Refugees proudly present the first harvest!
September 2022, visit of the Mayor and local council. The Refugees prepare everything and have a present for the house council: a painting.
The Mayor of Laarbeek at the Motherhouse
...and the Netherlands....

(Painting by one of the talented Ukrainian children, presently living in our convent)