



# Ukrainian Crisis

ABOUT HOSTING UKRAINIANS



I renew my invitation to implore peace from the Lord for the beloved Ukrainian people who for six months have been suffering the horror of war.

I hope that concrete steps will be taken to put an end to the war and to avert the risk of a nuclear disaster in Zaporizhzhia.

I carry the prisoners in my heart, and I think of the children, so many dead, so many wounded, so many refugees. I think of so much cruelty, of the many innocents who are paying for madness... We need peace!

*Franciscus*

#PrayTogether #Ukraine #Peace



Saint Joseph, you who experienced the suffering of those who must flee, you who were forced to emigrate to save the lives of those dearest to you, protect all those who flee because of war, support them in their difficulties, strengthen them in hope, and let them find welcome and solidarity.

Amen.

*Franciscus*

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# Background

Ukrainians  
NOT  
Designated as  
Refugees

Canada–  
Ukraine  
Authorization for  
Emergency  
Travel (CUAET)

- Canada has not designated Ukrainian Nationals displaced by the war in Ukraine as refugees. They are currently designated as displaced persons.
- As such, Ukrainians cannot be sponsored as refugees under Canada's Private or Government Refugee Sponsorship Programs.
- The CUAET program was created by Immigration Canada for displaced Ukrainian Nationals. Program elements include:
  - No limit to the number of Ukrainians who can apply;
  - Approved applicants are granted temporary resident status for duration of their passport (if it expires in less than 3 years, the status can be extended);
  - Applicants can apply for work or study permits overseas. Majority have these permits prior to arrival;
  - Those arriving are eligible to attend elementary and secondary school;
  - Those arriving are able to apply for a SIN Card and for OHIP
  - Settlement Support provided (e.g., crisis counselling, employment counselling, language classes, etc...);
  - Those arriving may apply for one time Federal Emergency Financial Assistance (\$3000/adults, \$1500/child) and for 6 months of Provincial Financial Assistance;

# Why should we host?

## The Need is Great

- As at September 11, well over ½ million displaced Ukrainian Nationals are expected to arrive to Canada:
  - 86,861 have already arrived to Canada
  - 251,922 applications have been approved
  - 559,552 applications have been received

## Human Trafficking & Exploitation

- This population is at an increased risk of human trafficking, and sexual/financial exploitation.
- This vulnerability is particularly acute for those that arrive without an established family or support network in Canada.

## Housing Crisis

- Most are arriving to Toronto.
- Tight housing/rental market has created a housing challenge for many of the arrived families... **HOSTS ARE NEEDED.**
- Some hosting programs are inspired by Poland's response to the millions of displaced Ukrainians.

## Faith into Action

- Hosting provides the faithful an opportunity to put their faith into action, responding to the suffering of humanity and of our brothers and sisters in Christ, who said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed Me"

# While the Church does not have its own hosting program, we are able to refer you to COSTI

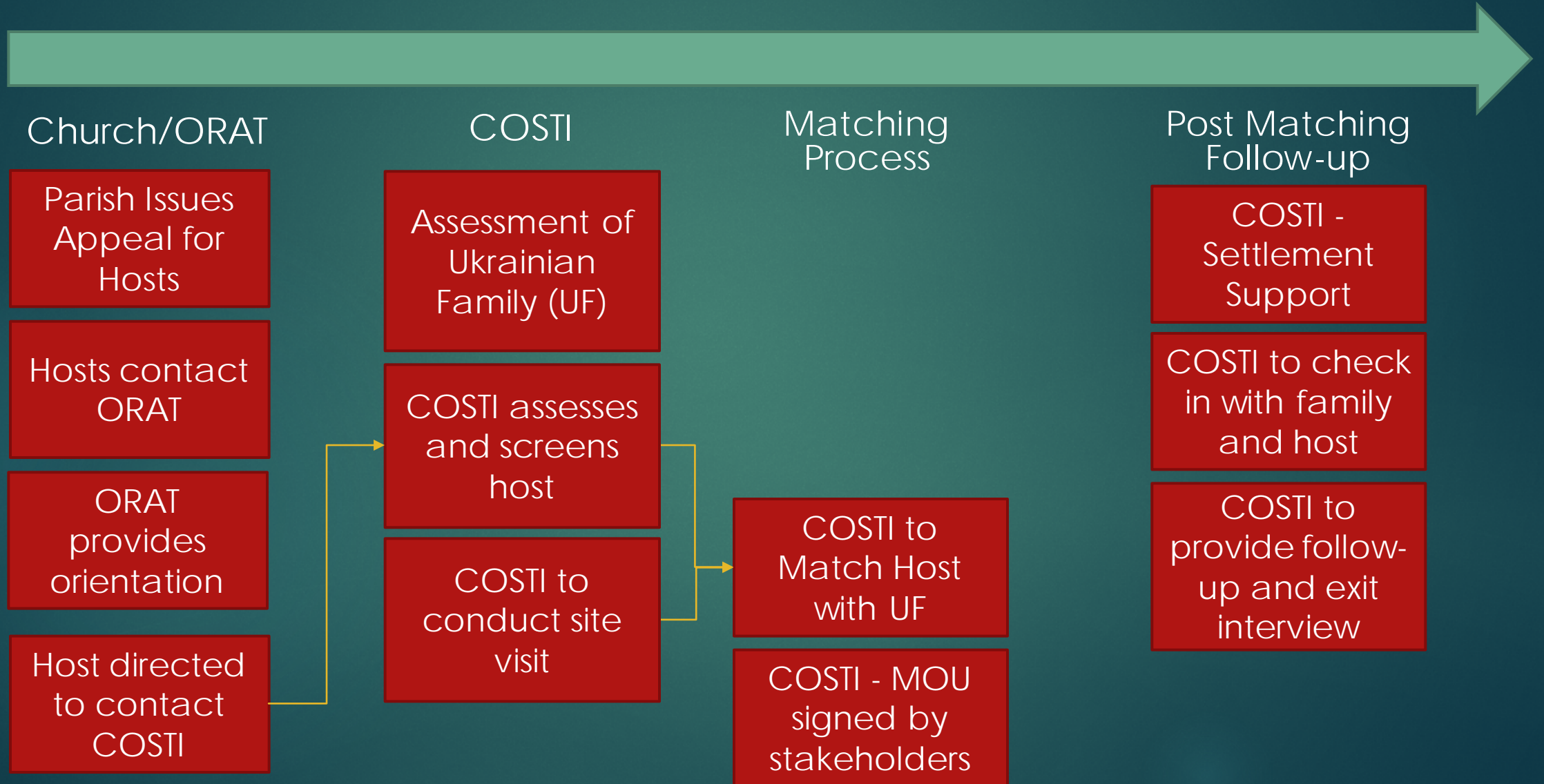
## About COSTI

- COSTI is a non-governmental organization (NGO). It has a long history and works with all levels of government to provide a whole host of services to newcomers and refugees to Canada, including providing temporary housing to those arriving under the CUAET program.
- It is an independent organization, having no ties to the Church.
- They have initiated their own Ukrainian hosting program, where they match arrived Ukrainians with Canadian hosts

## Working with COSTI

- ORAT is able to refer you to the COSTI so that you can participate in their hosting program. They will:
  - Conduct a Host Assessment: What a host is able to provide and for how long;
  - Faciliate Vulnerable Sector Screening: This is done for all individuals above the age of 18. It is done through local police departments at no cost.
  - Site Visit: COSTI will conduct a site visit prior to matching with a newly arrived Ukrainian (AU) family;
  - Matching: COSTI will match a host with an arrived Ukrainian family ;
  - MOU: Hosting Agreement signed with the host, the newcomer and COSTI
  - Post Matching Follow-up & Problem Resolution:

# What does the process look like?



# Important notes

## About who is arriving

- A considerable number of those arriving are intact families, including military age men. These were likely outside of Ukraine prior to the start of the conflict.

## Who is most vulnerable?

- The groups that are most vulnerable to human trafficking and sexual/financial exploitation include single women with/out children, seniors, unaccompanied minors.

## COSTI Guidelines

- COSTI will not place single females in a home where an adult male resides.

## Hosts in the driver's seat

- Hosts determine who they would like to host, the duration of the hosting situation; and any additional support that is provided (e.g., meals. Settlement support, community mapping, etc).



# Next Step & COSTI Contact Information

## Next Step

- Contact COSTI to express your interest in hosting an arrived Ukrainian

### ▶ COSTI Contact Information

- ▶ Tanaz Pardiwala (Manager, Ukraine Housing Host Program)
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# Appendix

- ▶ Why does the church not have its own hosting program
- ▶ About COSTI's hosting program

# Why does the Church not have its own hosting program?

## Vicarious Liability


- The hosting program presents a substantial legal liability risk to the Church;
  - Vicarious liability: Canadian Law allows plaintiffs to sue any related party for damages. Consider the example of the survivors of Mount Cashel orphanage, who successfully sued the Diocese of St. Johns placing them into bankruptcy protection, despite the diocese having no direct responsibility over the actions of the Christian Brothers
  - While no litigation has been initiated against the Church regarding its refugee sponsorship work since the beginning of its involvement some 40 years ago, this program is different, as guests are being hosted in people's homes as opposed to being provided with their own rental accommodation.

# COSTI's Hosting Program: Host Assessment

- ▶ Prospective Hosts will be asked to complete a form that identifies what they are offering



HOUSING HOST PROGRAM  
FOR UKRAINIAN NEWCOMERS

HOST A UKRAINIAN NEWCOMER FAMILY	
	
PERSONAL INFORMATION	
FIRST NAME: Insert first name	LAST NAME: Insert last name
ADDRESS: Insert full address	CITY: Insert city
EMAIL: Insert email address	TELEPHONE NO.: Insert phone number
LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Insert languages spoken	GENDER: Insert gender
THE HOME	
TYPE OF UNIT: <input type="checkbox"/> Furnished room <input type="checkbox"/> Basement apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Separate unit in main house <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment in building <input type="checkbox"/> Townhouse <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please specify	
HOST'S STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner of unit <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant of unit <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please describe	
NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING ON SITE: Insert number of people living on the site	PREFERENCE OF THE SIZE OF FAMILY: Insert preference of the size of family
ROOMS AVAILABLE: No. of bedrooms: Insert # of bedrooms      No. of bathrooms: Insert # of bathrooms	
ENTRANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Shared <input type="checkbox"/> Separate	
MEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Included <input type="checkbox"/> Not included <input type="checkbox"/> Partially included: Please specify	
HOSTING TERM: <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Six Months <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please specify	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Please add comments here.	

**Note:**

- A Vulnerable Sector Screening for all persons living in the house over the age of 18 years is required. COSTI will pay the costs associated with processing the Screening.
- COSTI will conduct a site visit to assess cleanliness, safety, access, and amenities.

For further information, contact:

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