

Ukrainian Priest Says He'll Perform Daily Exorcism Ritual to Rid Putin of 'Evil Spirit'

A Catholic priest in Ukraine is reportedly preparing to conduct an exorcism ritual to free Russian President Vladimir Putin from "an evil spirit" he believes is motivating the leader's actions.

Father Tykhon Kulbaka reportedly took to Facebook Feb. 25 to announce plans to combat Putin with a daily exorcism rite.

"As of today, I am committed to performing the exorcism ritual daily aimed at Vladimir Putin," Kulbaka said, according to CNS and The Pilot. "I believe that an evil spirit may inspire the actions of this man."

Exorcism is a spiritual effort to drive out evil from individuals believed to be afflicted by demonic influence. The end goal is to free a person from the sway—or, in some cases, the total control—of these sinister forces.

Kulbaka purportedly made it clear he believes Putin requires this sort of spiritual intervention to stop some of his diabolical actions.

"I ask the merciful God either to free this person from demonic influence and make them renounce evil and stand up for good (or) destroy such a devil bodily so that the soul may be saved in the day of the Lord," he purportedly wrote. "I will be happy if one of the fellow priests joins me. Also, I would be delighted if some of the faithful supported us, the priests, in the way available to them."

It should be noted that there are two forms of exorcism in the Catholic Church: a major exorcism and a minor exorcism. The

former is the type with which most people are familiar. {eo}

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