



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

June 30, 2016

Thank you for your donation, especially as it came at this time of year when donations are down, but expenses keep flowing!

I've spent the last two months in anxiety over our financial situation, but, thank God and the Virgin Mary, we always seem to pull through. But I also think of those elderly here and those parents who are also struggling in these economic times to feed their kids. We help them when we can. Today I got a call from a man with a big family who said he'd been robbed of his pay by his boss who left for Japan. I'm not sure yet what we can do for him. I paid one month's rent for his apartment. Hopefully that will give him more time to get things straightened out. We will be remembering you and your intentions in prayers every day as part of our "thank you". I'm thinking how great God is, giving me a vow of poverty and giving you a chance to be generous! Amazing, isn't it? God bless you!

By the way, on the envelope you will see the "25 Years" mark. On August 25, 1991, before the end of the Soviet Union, our "future parishioners" had their first meeting to plan to open the parish again. So one can say it is also 25 years of religious freedom in Russia. The parishioners had to form the parish corporation in order to invite any foreign priests, and, of course, there were no priests to be had in Russia itself! We came in

January of 1992. We will celebrate more dates this coming year, too!

Do you enjoy the "Baby Talk" spots we have been putting in the *Sunrise*? Here is a cute one for you. Hopefully these photos will remind our donors of the importance of our Women's Support Centers. Maybe we'll soon have six of them, and it takes a lot of funds. But recently we passed the 2000th baby that we have helped through the Adopt-a-Birth program. I have been collecting the pictures again, and the number for 2016 will be even greater than last year. When the pictures arrive at my office, I like to imagine what those kids are saying or thinking, and it comes out as "baby talk"! I hope you will remember us in prayer, too, as we remember you every day!

Fr Inosensius in Indonesia has been writing me and sending me information about the housing needs for seminarians. The building there is being planned for 100 students. If they are there for six years of schooling, that comes to about 16 seminarians per year. Won't it be wonderful to be able to ordain six priests a year! Wow! We are praying for it! We'll be sharing plans with you as soon as we can!

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Baby Talk

From the Women's Support Centers



Does this look like Queen Elizabeth or what?!

[Your guess is as good as mine!]



Here are the latest photos from Fr Sebastian showing the basement pillars, and then the main floor poured on them for Our Lady of the Pacific Church in Nakhodka, Russia. I'm glad they are working fast, in spite of the bad weather we've been having. Of course Fr Sebastian is watching the quality of everything. It is an exciting time for the parishioners who have been waiting 15 years for a church! He is worried about cost overruns, as something always comes up unexpectedly.



I don't know if you'll get this letter or *Vladivostok Sunrise* #130 first, so here is a photo of our two seminarians just ordained deacons in Maumere. Hopefully we'll have five more deacons ordained this year. This is Deacon Jacob Dambe, C.J.D. and Deacon Yohanes Marinus, C.J.D. at the altar of our temporary chapel in Maumere, Indonesia. Jacob is from Seluesi Island, and Yohanes from Flores Island in Indonesia. We are looking forward to their ordination as priests. It is wonderful having so many vocations, but also expensive!

I'm looking forward to hearing from you. God bless you! Thanks so much!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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