



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

July 15, 2018

We are so grateful to you for your help! I enjoy sending you thank you letters, and praying for you as I do it. That's because we can't do it without you!! Of course we have a lot of overhead expenses and seminarian expenses in addition to our parish expenses, as well as the every monthly expenses like the Women's Support Centers that need regular donations. But I thought that maybe you would like to hear more details about **special expenses** that come our way, so I'm going to mention them at the bottom of my letters, just in case the special need will appeal to you or another one of our donors.

Thanks be to God for our vocations! Now I have **some more** to tell you about!!



On June 23 our longtime former parishioner and my former secretary **Evgeny Balanyov** was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Minsk-Mogilev, Belarus. He began in the seminary as our parishioner, but took some time out to do business in St Petersburg. Now he is ordained and we are waiting to see what his assignment will be in Belorus. He has always been entrepreneurial—When he was young he organized and ran a wholesale ice cream concession when this was still the Soviet Union! He gave

lots of work to elderly folks during the bad economic days of the '90's.

And we got a notice from our Bishop Kirill that Brother **Nikita Kushnaryov**, C.J.D. will be ordained a deacon for us here in Russia on August 19! (And there are still two more seminarians to be ordained deacons this year. I'm waiting for the bishops to assign a date. That will be six deacons this year (seven if we count Balanyov), which means six priests next year! Hallelujah!)



Here is a picture of our four new novice C.J.D. sisters in Indonesia, with Fr Inosensius Hetu who was there to bless their clothing. Sister Angel (left

from Fr) and Sister Rosa (right from Fr) were present, too. The event took place in Jakarta, but the sister-novices then travelled to the Ende Archdiocese on Flores Island for their novice year. The sisters operate the Holy Angel Orphanage near Jakarta.

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Now we are heading into summer, and here are some of the activities planned in addition to our regular work:

1. The **Far Eastern Catholic Youth Conference** with the participation of FOCUS missionaries in August. This is so important to help our Russian young people to keep their faith, in spite of a secular society and pressure from the Orthodox Church. 2. The **Children's Sobor** (gathering) in July on Russian Island, which is a week's catechetical retreat for parish children. It is good for them all, but especially for those who can't attend catechetical instructions after Sunday Mass. 3. The **Lesozavodsk Children's Retreat** with FOCUS. These poor kids from single parent families so appreciate the American men of FOCUS, as they are usually the only men of significance in their lives, since their parents and teachers and doctors are all women! Our Sisters in Jesus the Lord are the mainstay of this program. The kids will even especially appreciate getting a decent meal during the retreat, since the schools don't feed them in the summer, and moms can't afford to feed them, either! 4. **Fr Daniel** is gone to America for two months for fundraising and public relations, so I'll have our two parishes and the deanery to myself, so to speak, in addition to our religious order now going more worldwide. I'm glad my health has been doing better, and I'll get a lot of help from the novices who are here, and from our competent parish staff.

Thank you for your donation! This is the time of year when we are very short of funds, so we are doubly grateful to you. We will continue **our daily prayers for you.**

God bless you!!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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#### **Special Needs List:**

1. Brother **Edwin Intan, C.J.D.**, finishing his doctor's degree in theology in the Philippines and expecting to be ordained a deacon this coming school year, needs some replacement work done on his teeth. It will cost about \$1500 for three implants in the Philippines. **"Edwin"**

2. A **family from near Romanovka** with seven kids asked us for transportation money for mom and the youngest baby to go Khabarovsk to deal with two tumors affecting the baby, which is about \$100 RT. While mom was gone, the other kids had to be farmed out to various households because dad was away working, earning what he could to take care of the family. Those households also needed money for food and the children's needs while mom and dad were gone. We can help them from our Soup Kitchen Fund for food, but the expenses for travel, medicines and the operations to remove the tumors still lie ahead. **"Romanovka family travel"**

3. Probably no tool we have is more important than our **printer**. It needs major repairs, costing about \$3000. So far we have paid \$730 for the first new parts, so we have \$2270 to go. **"Printer"**

Thanks to benefactors who gave donations for **Bronislava's** eye operation. We've collected enough to do it!