



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

July 31, 2018

I'm sitting at home writing to you while the Far Eastern Catholic Youth Conference is going on in Khabarovsk. FOCUS, all our Vladivostok brothers, and Sisters in Jesus the Lord are there. I'm hoping it will be a great event for our Russian Catholic young people. Meanwhile, I'm holding down the fort in Vladivostok. It gives me a little time to rest, and I even made a trip to the dentist!

Thank you for your donation! We will continue **our daily prayers for you**. 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!!

Today I got a letter from St Mary's Hospital in Seoul to say that they have donated \$8398 to my health over the last two years. God bless them! It is a great hospital! I'll try not to get sick, but I'm grateful to these friends in Korea and to our friends in America who helped me through the medical crisis I had.

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!!

We received 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 seven deacons this year, which means seven 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. Their funding is all from Indonesia.

And in September we are expecting **five new novices** to arrive here in Vladivostok for our community, for a total of eight, as the former novices are moving on to the seminaries for the school year. It means what our expenses for seminarians is always increasing, but hopefully we can all agree that the church needs good priests! Thank you for your prayers for our seminarians.

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We are in the middle of our summer activities. The **Lesozavodsk Children's Retreat** with FOCUS is finished! It was bigger this year than last. 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!

FOCUS also helped us with the parish **Children's Sobor** which we held on Russian Island. It is especially good for the parish kids who can't participate in the Sunday School program. Maybe I'll get some pictures when the sisters return from Khabarovsk.

Fr Daniel is gone to America for two months for fundraising and public relations, and it turns out that he has some health issues, too, so he is working on that while he is in Florida. He should be back in the saddle in August.

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 spring, 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!