

## Mary Mother of God Mission Society Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear «Benefactor,

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I've just returned from my annual trip to America. I had great meetings with benefactors and maybe future benefactors in Las Vegas, in St Henry's Parish in Buckeye, Arizona, St John the Baptist north of Cincinnati, Holy Angels in Sidney, Ohio, at St Alphonsus Parish in Chicago, and Coronation of our Lady in Grandview, Missouri, which has been our sister parish for many years already. The trip back across the Pacific to Vladivostok was a 14 hour marathon, so I was exhausted when I returned to my home of 28 years already! To save money I try to get the cheapest ticket possible, and Korean Air does the best it can to make us comfortable, but it still is very stressful for so long in the air. In any case, flying is such a miracle!



Coronation of Our Lady Church in Grandview, Missouri

Keep your fingers crossed for us! I finished two petitions to Rome before I left Russia last week for my America trip, and they were approved by our Bishop Kirill: One is to have our Church of the Most Holy Mother of God in Vladivostok declared a papal basilica! This makes all the more sense considering some things I recently found out, that the Diocese of Vladivostok once included not only the Russian Far East, but also half of Siberia and all of what was then Turkestan—today five independent countries including Kazakhstan where three of our brothers are working. Surely it was one of the largest dioceses in land area in the history of the world.

The second petition was asking Rome to make us Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord an independent religious order, since we now have three house and 12 priests working in various countries. That would make it much easier for us to work with seminaries and to get our men ordained. Thanks for praying for these intention when you get a chance. Meanwhile of course, we continue our commitment to our work in Russia where it all started.

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National Coordinator Vicky Trevillyan Thank you for your donation, and for helping support our vocations to the priesthood! It is so exciting that we have many good young men in line for the seminary, and so many ordinations to the priesthood this year! We are working on their future ordinations and assignments! Thank you,too, for all your prayers, and maybe even for sharing our need with your friends! We are happy to include you in all our prayers in the month to come! God bless you! Yours truly,

## V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

P.S. I guess there is still room here for another picture—the servers at Coronation.



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## Special Needs List:

1. The St. Augustine Chapel is built and consecrated in Maumere, Indonesia, but it still doesn't have pews. Fr Yohanes says that the pews will cost \$300 per bench, with kneeler. "Pew"

2. Families have asked us for funds for kids' "back to school" expenses. Any amount will help. "Back to School"