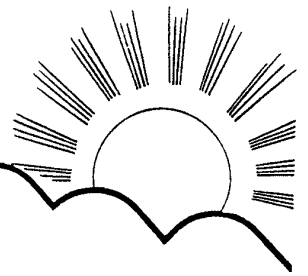


Vladivostok Sunrise

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Summer "Study Time"

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

Nothing is more fun (and more educational) than summer camp for our kids. Lazy August! Beautiful Lake Hanka! What could be better than fellowship with your Catholic friends? Even the teachers are more bright and more ready for fun than during the school year! So it was the Jubilee Year Children's Catechetical Camp for all of our seven parishes in Primorsky Territory, the theme

was the Parables of Jesus. The camp is a special chance for kids who can't attend Sunday School because they live too far away from a parish or because there are other difficulties. As a bonus, the camp also gives a better Christian formation to all our adult staff members who participate. But there is always a problem--this year there was no priest available for the camp, except that I managed to say mass on one day. But our Sisters of Charity of St Ann organized daily prayer services, and the parents and catechists of our parishes operated the camp.



Panoramic Photo of our Camp Mass.



The "Man who fell in with robbers" regaining his health.



"The king who went on a journey" getting a accounting from his slaves.



Lazarus about to be raised from the dead while Martha and Mary look on.

A "pilgrim" explaining the Jubilee Year pilgrimages and the relic of the True Cross.



**Remember
"Mary Mother of God Mission Society"
in your will.**

The Youth Conference for Jubilee Year 2000

The Far Eastern Catholic Youth Conference which was held in Khabarovsk was very successful this year. The theme of the conference was "Christ our Teacher". Every day's theme was another aspect of the teachings of Jesus. My day's theme was "Christ the Teacher of Mercy". Other conference topics included marriage, chastity, religious vocations, alcoholism, the Bible, apologetics, and NFP.



Fr Vladimir Sek SVD, pastor in Blagoveschensk, discussing defending your faith with the older group.

Sister Alicia Gonzales speaking about her vocation.



The classes on marriage were lead by a volunteer couple from Spain. Fr Vladimir Sek from Blagoveschensk helped with Apologetics and Alcoholism. Kristina Pavlova, the coordinator of the Women's Support Centers in Vladivostok, spoke

2000th Anniversary Christmas Present for the Lord?

Mission Office Project for Mary Mother of God Mission Society in Vladivostok, Russia

Would you like to send a Christmas present to the Lord for His 2000th Birthday? Consider donating for our new mission office in Russia from the list below! Or consider dedicating something from the list to your friends or departed loved ones for the Jubilee Christmas! We will provide the memorial plaque. Maybe your parish or parish organizations would like to help—please ask them.

Father McGuire's Mission Share of Kentucky and the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation of California helped us to buy land, and an anonymous donor promised to fund the architectural work and the foundation of the new mission building. These events have prompted us to begin the new building, which, eventually, will allow us to remove the last floor from the church and return the church to its original interior beauty.

The new building will house Fr Effing, Fr Maurer, and Brother Oleg and for our seminarians. It will include all the parish offices and classrooms, will be a center for production of religious materials. It will be used for conferences, workshops, training programs, and parish events.

Those who have visited Vladivostok know that our mission offices, as well as the living spaces of our missionaries are currently located on the first floor of our church building, i.e. on the main floor of the church. This is because when the Soviet government converted the church building into an archive in the 1950's, they added three floors inside the church. We have removed the top two floors to make room for mass with the altar and pews as you see it in photos today. We couldn't remove the last floor to return the church to its original condition because all the parish and mission offices for our seven parishes, as well as the living space for our missionaries, and their kitchen and bathrooms are still located on the main floor of the church.

Before the diocese and parish in Vladivostok were closed by the Soviets, there were other buildings, including the parish school, the bishop's house, the priests' house, the guard's house, and the catechists's house which were located near the church. Even today the government would give us these old 100-year-old wooden buildings if we bought new apartments for the current many residents. But it makes better economic sense to simply build a new building.

The following list is of cost estimates for building and furnishing each area of the new mission office. As you review the list, keep in mind that some items will be purchased used, some will be purchased from Korean or Chinese suppliers, and some costs may differ from those in the US.

Thank you for your gift for the needs of the Church in Russia. God bless you.



Projected Costs for New Mission Office

Land

Land adjacent to church building (Already purchased by donors)	\$50,000	
Plants & landscaping	4,200	
Gates & fencing	11,850	
Total for land		\$66,050

Basement/Storage

Laundry Room with plumbing & built-in cabinetry	\$18,750	
Heavy-Duty Washer & Dryer	1,200	
Ironing board & iron	40	
Total for Laundry Room		\$19,990
Garage Space	\$18,000	
Metal lockers (4 x \$70)	280	
Basic auto maintenance & repair tools	460	
Total for Garage		\$18,740
Workshop for all building, equipment, and furniture repairs	\$13,500	
Metal lockers (4 x \$70)	280	
Work bench with drawers & pegboard	585	
Basic hand tools	220	
Basic power tools	240	
Total for workshop		\$14,825
Half-bathrooms (two available, @\$2,440)		\$4,880
Remaining storage areas with shelving		\$66,000

Main Floor

Small Chapel/Vestibule/Entryway/Hallway	\$9,000	
Artwork, statuary	395	
Table	255	
Total for Small Chapel/Vestibule/Entryway/Hallway		\$9,650
Fr Myron's Office	\$5,760	
Desk & Chair	455	
Computer & Printer	1,800	
Three additional chairs	330	
Bookcase	145	
Table	85	
File Cabinet	90	
Total for Fr Myron's Office		\$8,665
Fr Dan's Office (Same items available as for Fr Myron's)		\$8,665
Office 3 (Same items available as for Fr Myron's Office)		\$8,665

Office 4, 5, 6, and 7 (Similar items as Office 3) @ \$6,765.....	\$27,060
Common Area	4,320
Photocopier	3,800
Fax machine	120
Color Printer.....	1,200
Folding machine	180
Binding machine	345
Typewriter	235
Two tables (\$38 x 2).....	76
Shelving.....	290
Total for Common Area	\$10,566
Half-bathroom.....	\$2,440
Conference hall/Parish hall	\$24,000
Long folding tables (12 x \$48)	576
Stackable chairs (150 x \$29).....	4,350
Microphones, cables & speakers	620
Podium	175
Total for Conference Hall/Parish hall.....	\$29,721
Kitchen with built-in cabinetry, shelving, countertops, sink, etc.	\$19,500
Dish towels, dish cloths, etc.	24
Eating utensils for 150 people	900
Dishware for 150 people	1,350
Pots, pans, soup kettles, all cookware	680
Ovens (2 x \$430)	860
Microwaves (2 x \$135)	270
Large-capacity refrigerator	790
Large-capacity freezer	890
Large work table with storage area	595
Total for Kitchen	\$25,859
Dining Room.....	\$7,200
Four tables (4 x 120)	480
Twenty-four chairs (24 x \$39)	936
Cloth table coverings & cloth napkins	200
Metal cart	75
Total for Dining Room.....	\$8,891
Remaining storage areas with shelving	\$5,880

Second Floor

Common Area & Hallways.....	\$12,600
Artwork, statuary	395
Total for Common Area & Hallways	\$12,995

Fr Myron's Bedroom & Bathroom.....	\$14,000	
Twin bed	210	
Dresser	150	
Chair.....	95	
Desk & chair.....	350	
Bookcase.....	125	
Total for Fr Myron's Bedroom & Bathroom		\$14,930
Fr Dan's Bedroom & Bathroom (same as Fr Myron's)		\$14,930
Seminarian's Bedroom #1	\$4,320	
Twin bed	210	
Dresser	150	
Chair.....	95	
Desk & chair.....	300	
Total for Seminarian's Bedroom.....		\$5,075
Seminarian's Bedroom #2, #3, and #4 (same as #1), @\$5,075		\$15,225
Seminarians' shared bathroom (2 @ \$3,900)		\$7,800
Guest Bedroom #2 and #3 (@ \$5,075) (same as #1)		\$10,150
Two guests' shared bathroom.....		\$3,900
Sitting/Meeting Room	\$6,480	
Table	225	
Chairs (6 x 75).....	450	
Total for Sitting/Meeting Room.....		\$7,155
Library with shelving.....		\$21,000

Miscellaneous Items

Telephone System.....	\$3,770	
Electronic security System	6,200	
Security and Outdoor lighting.....	850	
Gardening & lawn maintenance tools.....	335	
Padlocks for all storage.....	445	
Heavy-duty vacuum cleaner.....	430	
Small office items (stapler, hole punch, scissors, etc) (\$35 x 7 offices)	245	
Electric Fans (4 x 24).....	96	
Pillows, Blankets, Bedspreads, Sheets & Pillowcases	595	
Towels.....	192	
Lamps (24 x \$35)	840	
Wastebaskets (24 x 4).....	96	
Large garbage cans (2 x 16)	32	
.....		\$14,289

about abortion and birth control. Our own Sister Alicia spoke about women's vocations, which proved for the youth to be one of the most interesting talks of the conference.



Conference participants "on the air" on Christian Radio in Khabarovsk

We also dealt with consumerism, which maybe in Russia can be better called materialism. We spoke about building a life and family in the new Russia, where values are changing and where no one knows exactly what to study at the university because it isn't clear which direction society will take. We spoke about struggling with negative aspects of the current wild form of capitalism, especially American pornography and American blood-and-guts movies which are the daily fare on television, where you can learn 100 easy ways to kill and commit crimes and get away with it (and even be proud of it). We spoke about "steepness" (the Russian word for "rich and conscienceless") and about the mafia. Chilling topics, yes? But we also had a Bible course for those who were attending the conference for the first time, and daily athletic activities to give the brain a rest from all the work.

There were about 35 youth at the Conference--smaller than last year, but they were much more serious and prayerful. Fr Vladimir, who had earlier attended Jubilee Year youth conferences in Rome and in Saratov in Eastern Russia, said that our conference is completely different than the others--other conferences try to entertain the youth in the hope that they will be attracted to the Church. We try to take the youth seriously and

really teach them and help them find their way in life. They respect that.



The Parish of the Holy Trinity of South Khabarovsk invited participants to a final dinner. Fr Edward Schoellman, the host pastor of the conference, at the far end of the table.

Transfiguration Parish in Blagoveschensk invited us to have the conference in their city next year. It is a good way to involve new youth, and expose them to the already well-formed Christian youth of our parishes.

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Dear Readers,

- We are starting adoptions with the help of CARITAS in Vladivostok. They are being handled through Carol at Catholic Charities USA, Asheville NC (1-888-990-4199). Please request the Vladivostok Program. We will be able to work through your local diocesan Catholic Charities office.
- September and October donors! David Sonnen of our office in St Paul will send a video copy of Fr Dan's interview on EWTN to everyone who donates \$30 or more. It will be a good way for you to get more acquainted with Fr Dan and with our work in Russia.
- Fr Myron Effing will be in the US during the month of November. Call our mission office if you are able to sponsor a visit to your area for an evening.

- We are seeking endorsements from local KofC councils for our building drive in Vladivostok. If you wish to help in your area call our office for details. (651)690-5139
- God love you all,
Sandra

News Notes

by Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

- I baptised two children in our new Nativity Parish in Ussurisk. Thanks to Our Sunday Visitor we have a grant to help with children's education in that parish in and three other young parishes. Thanks to the Office to Aid Eastern Europe of the American Catholic Bishops, we received high quality keyboard instruments for the parishes in Ussurisk and Lesozovodsk. The choir in Ussurisk is already promising a bright future.