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Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

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Happy New Year! Thank you for your contribution! We are grateful to you for all the help and prayers that you so generously provide! Now that the Christmas season is finished, we are really looking forward to Spring. It has been a cold winter, but your help does brighten up our day and the days of so many kids and elderly folks that we are able to help, not to mention our parishioners! We'll be praying for you!

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Today the Sisters in Jesus the Lord arrived (but their baggage didn't!) Sr Stella and Sr Catherine will be here for three months. Everybody is happy when they are here. Their first plan is to visit the Hospice to visit those who are most sick and with no families to console them. Then there is Children's Hospital #3 and Sails of Hope House that is always ready to see them, as are the folks at the Soup Kitchen. St Joseph's Parish and Visitation Parish also is inviting them to come visit. So they will be busy.

I received a very interesting letter yesterday. You may recall that I wrote earlier about the new Russian martyr Evgenii Radionov. He was the Russian soldier who refused to convert from Christianity to Islam during the Chechan War. The letter said, "A while back in one of your newsletters, you wrote about a young man named Evgenii Radionov. We were really moved by the story. So I told my wife I was going to pray for Evgenii's intercession and sainthood for help in a couple of difficult situations for our boys in the Navy. This letter, and gift, is in thanksgiving to God for favors received through Evgenii's intercession. He is very present, and very helpful!" Thanks be to God! I've put Evgenii's photo on the back, and a copy of his icon.

We received an urgent letter from Brother Patrick. It seems he was pick pocketed on a jeepney in the Philippines on his way to the seminary! He says, "There where only 5 passengers in the jeepney, 3 on the left side, where I was, and two on the right side, on the left, there was a girl, then me, from somewhere, a man entered and sat in between of me and the girl, I was wondering why has he to sit between us, since there was enough space for even 7 people. Then we continued our journey, until all of the sudden, he knocked on the ceiling of the jeepney and said, stop! stop! I will go down here!..I didn't pay attention to it, since that is the common scenario, but what I noticed, was when he left, along with him my wallet in my pocket vanished. I saw him running, so I waited for the chance that the jeepney could stop properly, so I also stopped and tried to run after him, but I could no longer see him, I tried to report to the police, but there was no one around in their police outpost nearby, I didn't know what to do, I was left only with 10 pesos, that is less than a quarter dollar, I used that 10 pesos to come home here, and just 5 minutes ago, I called a TV report channel, asking for help, they already called the police for me, I also called the bank, to freeze my account. My wallet was stolen, with money on it about \$200 and my ATM card was with it. Imagine, I was dressed in my religious habit, and still the thief had no shame to take my wallet. I do not know what to tell you. Now I am waiting for the police to call me to report the incident."

God bless you, and we'll be praying for you and for all your needs.

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

