



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

May 15, 2013

We have something very wonderful to be grateful for! On May 8 we accepted six novices into our novitiate! All are good, experienced men, and all will make good priests, I think! All have college degrees, and several even will be ready for ordination in two years! Please celebrate with us! Here is a picture:



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We also have even more applicants who are begging us to join (from the Philippines including a priest, from Vietnam, and from Kenya), but we can't afford the financial strain right now!

So we are for sure grateful for your donation! Amazing things are happening, so we are looking for more support! Then I received a letter from a lady seminary professor asking to join our Sisters' community. It is so exciting to see so many young people now wanting to enter religious life! Something is stirring in the parish, too, as there are many more visitors than before, so maybe lots of people are looking. The concerts have all been overcrowded, so many people have been in our church, and our parish youth group has been really active. And did you see the webpage that Vicky created about "Put the Seminarians on the Bus!" One by one they are getting a seat there! Thank you for your help without which we can't do anything!!

We've begun plans for the 17th annual Far Eastern Catholic Youth Conference. The youth are getting more and more organized and committed to the Church. Besides our Russians, we expect to have American, Koreans, Filipinos, and Indonesians at the Conference this year. I'm excited about the theme, which is "The Task of the Church among the Peoples". We hope a lot of the young people will see their own personal vocations among the things we'll take about at the Conference. Our parishioner Pavel will be the conference leader. He is a young military neurosurgeon who does a great job with the conference. That will be in the last week of July and early August. Please pray for it!

Some good news I got this morning: The winner of the North Carolina Beach House drawing is a long time benefactor from Sauk Rapids, MN! It was great fun having the drawing, and I'm glad a good benefactor got it. But better luck next time! I'll let you know when another opportunity comes along.

Spring is here! I planted some decorative cabbage seeds and squash seeds in my Western windows. Fingers crossed! I wanted to buy some acorn squash seeds last Fall when I was in America, as I have never seen them here. I went into the Rural King in my hometown of Evansville, IN and asked if they had any seeds left from summer. "No" was the answer, but then he said, "There are still a few things in a bucket on aisle 15." I found the bucket, and you won't believe this: Inside was ONLY acorn squash seeds! My guardian angel must have been there first! Anyway, Brother Jacob and Tatyana worked up the garden already, and have it planted. Waiting for rain!



We will be finishing the Month of May by the time you get this, but we for sure remembered you at prayer during the "Month of Mary"! We always have a special devotion to the Most Holy Mother of God during May, as we count on her prayers and protection!

Happy Corpus Christi coming up, We will remember you during our annual procession. Don't forget to pray for us! God bless you! Thanks for your prayers and help.

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.