



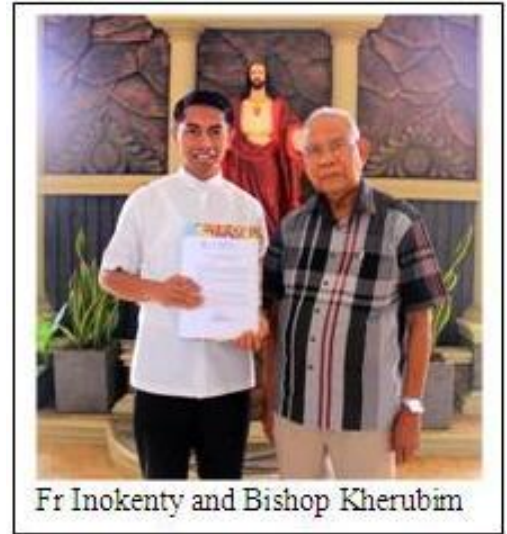
# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor

January 31, 2015

**It finally happened!!** We Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord have finally become an official religious community, thanks to Bishop Kherubim Pareira, SVD of the Diocese of Maumere, Flores Island, Indonesia! Here is a photo of our Fr Inokenty with Bishop Kherubim holding the official decree! We thank God and Bishop Kherubim for this wonderful step. All our seminarians are rejoicing. It happened on December 23, so it was a great Christmas present to us all! Read more about it in the next Sunrise!



Fr Inokenty and Bishop Kherubim

I returned from my trip visiting the seminarians in Indonesia and the Philippines. They are doing well and seem to be very happy and busy. And we are expecting several more to join us soon, and we are already preparing for them. It is a joy that there are more vocations and more interest in vocations in all the countries that I visited recently. Even the airplanes were playing Christmas music on board. I hope you had a beautiful Christmas celebration, too.

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*Seminarians from the Vocationists' seminary in Maumere, Indonesia, who came to see me off. Four of our seminarians live and study with them.*

More good news is that the Franciscan Mission Warehouse in Kansas City has shipped to us 41 used electric hospital beds! We had to buy new mattresses to ship with them, and we have to pay for transportation and customs expenses. It is a wonderful opportunity, so we can't pass it up. We are looking for funding for our part of the expenses. Most of the beds will go to the Hospice in Vladivostok, and the rest to the general city hospital in Lesozavodsk where our Women's Support Center has been located many years already. They also don't have proper hospital beds either! Both places have only flat beds currently, so you can imagine how difficult it is for sick elderly folks to eat the usual Russian soup without getting it in their lungs. That is a cause of dangerous lung

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infections. So we are hoping that the “new” beds will making eating and feeding a lot better. Chances are good we’ll have to upgrade the electricity at the hospice, as they currently have only two single receptacles in each room! They need those for fans and other medical equipment. If you want to help with these projects, it would be great!

Thank you for your donation!. The Christmas decorations were beautiful, and the music got us ready for the joy of Christmas. Fr Daniel and Sr Stella prepared the parish for Christmas music, and for the Christmas concerts which are really important as a method of evangelization in Russia. There were three Christmas Concerts, which are the most popular of the year. Then there was the Christmas Festival of Christian choirs. I just don’t know where we’d be without your kindness and support to make all of these things happen! We are grateful to you for supporting us and our parishes and our elderly and our orphans and our novices and our seminarians! We pray every day for you.

Happy New Year! God bless you! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

**Much Happiness Throughout the New Year!**