



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

## Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

May 31, 2016

The hot news is that our seminarians Bro Jacob Dambe and Bro Yohanes Marinus are scheduled for ordination to the diaconate in Maumere, Indonesian on June 5 at the chapel of the Major Seminary of St Peter Ritapiret. Also the schedule for the ordinations of our brothers who have just left to work in Las Vegas, USA, is also being settled! We expect even more ordinations this coming school year yet, too! Thank for your prayers and support!

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Here is a latest photo from Fr Sebastian showing the foundation of the new church and the frames for the basement walls in Nakhodka. The construction company is in a hurry to complete the church, so they can go on to another project. Of course Fr Sebastian is watching the quality of everything. On May 14 we went for the blessing of the foundation. It was an exciting time for the parishioners who have been waiting 15 years for a church!

Today is the parish feast of my Parish of the Visitation in Lesozavodsk. We try to celebrate it, but I can only get there once a month! It is the last chance for me to say Happy Month of May and Happy Spring!! May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we are really counting on your help what with all the building projects going on here in Russia and in Indonesia, and all the young men lined up preparing for ordination to the priesthood! I lost count of the number expecting ordination to the diaconate this year—Nine, I think! Stay tuned! Our seminarian fund is already in the red, so I'll be thanking you for your donation to that purpose! We will be remembering you and your intentions in prayer every day. I'm thinking how great God is, giving me a vow of poverty and giving you a chance to be generous! Amazing, isn't it? God bless you!

Meanwhile, here is a picture of Brothers Dindo and Nikita as they recently finished



novitiate and took simple vows at the end of April. Bro Dindo will be attending the seminary in the Philippines, and Bro Nikita has finished the seminary and will hopefully be ordained to the diaconate in August here in Vladivostok. Then a picture of Brothers Hubert and Reminus on May 29 when they took first vows. They are planning to complete their studies in Pontianak, Borneo, Indonesia. And then with Fr Daniel, myself, and Brother Nikita you see our two brothers from India who are just starting novitiate.

By the way, this is a year of important anniversaries for us. On August 25, 1991, before the end of the Soviet Union, our “future parishioners” had their first meeting to plan to open the parish again. So one can say it is also 25 years of religious freedom in Russia. We will celebrate more dates this coming year, too!

I mentioned in the Vladivostok Sunrise that we should begin a soup kitchen program for the indigent elderly again, as we had before, given the economic situation in Russia just now. But we think that rather than just offering a meal at a café it would be better to provide food for them to take home so that they don't have to come to the café so often, thus saving them money on bus fare. Bus fare could be up to \$1.20 per day, depending upon where they live in the city. Here is the proposed food packet, which costs \$12. I'm sure some of our benefactors will be interested in this. Here is a picture. *Rice, Oats, Buckwheat, Tea, Salad Oil, Powdered Milk, Macaroni (2 kinds), Flour, Condensed Milk, Canned Beef, Sugar, in the package for \$12*



I hope you will remember us in prayer, too, as we remember you every day! God bless you! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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