



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

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Dear Benefactor,

June 15, 2016

The hot news is that our seminarians Bro Jacob Dambe and Bro Yohanes Marinus were ordained to the transitional 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! Thanks for your prayers and support!

Fr Inosensius, Bro Jacob, Bishop Kheruvim, Bro Yohanes, and Fr Ferdinandus



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!

It is the last chance for me to say Happy Spring, even though it doesn't seem like it here!! Nighttime temperatures have still been about 52° and lots of rain. So far it hasn't hindered 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! Two down and seven to go! Our seminarian fund is already in the red, so thank you for your

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donation, which makes this and all our other projects possible! We will 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.



*Bro Dindo,
Bro Nikita,
Bro Pradeep,
Bro Nikita,
Bro Hubert,
myself, Bro
Reminus, Fr
Dan, and Bro
Kumud.*

By the way, on the envelope you will see the "25 Years" mark. 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 hope you will remember us in prayer, too, as we remember you every day!

God bless you! Thanks so much! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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