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Dear Benefactor,

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Our new priest, Fr Jose Unlayao, C.J.D., receiving the chalice for mass from Bishop Pepe of Las Vegas.

May 31 was the ordination to the priesthood of Bros Jose and Luis in Las Vegas. I'll put a picture for you. Also two of our priests have just taken their final vows in Indonesia. I can't go to any of these ceremonies, because of my health situation (and we'll save money from my not travelling.) We are so grateful to our benefactors who make it possible for our many vocations to study in the seminaries. The latest figure was that it takes about \$10,000 per year per seminarian. Ouch! (But it would cost even more in America!) We continue to get inquiries from men who want to join us! I have to say that I am so pleased with the quality of our seminarians! It is just that we can't afford their expenses, but we also cannot afford not to afford them!!—The Church needs priests. If you have any good ideas of where to find more funds for educating seminarians, please let me know!

The National Catholic Register asked how we were doing, following up on an article that they carried many years ago. I wrote a report, and you can read it on their site: <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/jimgraves/in-a-city-of-7000-martyrs-the-faith-comes-to-life-again>

Thank you very much for your prayers and your donation! Thanks, too, for praying for my health! I'm gradually getting stronger, but the doctors want to see me in a month again. The basic problem seems to be heart fibrillation together with a small stomach ulcer. They tell me not to worry so much, but, frankly, when our economic situation is bad this time of year, it is hard not to worry!

We've added yet another member to our religious family. On May 28 Brother Kumud Nayak, C.J.D. took his first vows for three years. He is from India, but has a lot of experience in Italy and the United Arab Emirates where he was the parish administrator in Dubai. He speaks Italian, as well as English, and several Indian languages. His hope is to work in Las Vegas as soon as he can receive an American visa. That will make three brothers for pioneering our community in America. When I was in Las Vegas last year, it was the time of the canonization of Mexican St Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio. Our first two

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brothers to go there were Bros Jose and Luis, so I joked that Bro Kumud would have to be “Sanchez”. Pray for vocations! I hope St Jose Luis will get many favors for them from God.

Fr Dan has begun his annual trip to America for fundraising and visiting his family. I’ll take my turn in August and September. I’m hoping to be visiting my family in Indiana on August 21 when there will be the total eclipse of the sun in northern Kentucky, so I’ll be there! I am an astronomer, you know! But my scientific work pretty well ended in 1991 when I first came to Russia. (There is no sky in Vladivostok!) Before that I enjoyed teaching science and math in the seminaries in Indiana and Minnesota. And being vocation director for several years which entailed a lot of travelling.

Thanks so much for your help! God bless you! Have a happy spring, and a Happy Pentecost!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.



Our Fr Luis Van Dam, C.J.D.

with Bishop Pepe and Fr Jose after the ordination ceremony

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