



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

## Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

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Thank you for your donation! We appreciate you help so much! The latest good news is the priestly ordination of our brother Reminus Hambur, C.J.D. which was held here in Maumere, Indonesia on November 26, the Feast of Christ the King where I'm writing from. Bishop Cherubim presided, and I was happy to be able to attend. It also gave me the chance to check up on our community in Indonesia which is getting stronger and more independent with all the young vocations. Here is a photo. Fr Reminus will be working with our novices in Indonesia and helping the Dean of Students at our seminary here. He



also has been asked by Bishop Cherubim to help at the diocesan minor seminary. He has a dream someday to go to Rome for training as a diocesan exorcist which they say is sorely needed in Indonesia, so recently evangelized.

While I am here I had the chance to preside at the first vows of Brother Alberten and Bro Desideratus, as they finish their novitiate program. They were recently appointed to the ministries of lector and acolyte by Bishop Cherubim. They will continue in the S.V.D. seminary here. Maybe it is interesting to always be talking about seminarians from Indonesia, but that is where the vocations are!

Here is their picture together with Fr Yohanes in the center. (See over.) Hopefully soon an Indonesian priest will be coming to Russia to help in Vladivostok.

Fr Daniel Maurer, C.J.D. celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination last week with Bishop Joseph Werth, S.J., who ordained him present. The photo shows our parish trustee Victor Anisimov presenting a portrait of St Augustine while Bishop Werth looks on.



Bishop Kirill Klimovich is hidden behind Victor.

Sr Catherine Marie, C.J.D. received her master's degree recently, and she has been busy running an apologetics program for the parish. It is very popular, and they are making plans to do an Advent retreat for the parish. The sisters are very anxious to get on with the repair of their

building on Russian Island, and the opening of the St John the Evangelist student center. There are probably 200 Catholic foreign students at the university which is in our parish. We need to serve them.

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The next news sort of has me worried! We currently have thirteen seminarians signed up for novitiate this year (expensive!!) On the other hand, I don't want to say "no" to good guys who want to serve God as religious priests. So far they are seven from Indonesia, two from the Philippines, two from Pakistan, and one from India. There are two more applicants whose applications aren't finished yet. Pray that we'll have the means to educate these guys for the priesthood! Meanwhile we are still planning for the diaconate ordination of our Bro Nikita Kushnaryev, C.J.D., our Russian vocation, and there is another Russian thinking about novitiate next year. I wonder if Noah was worried whether there were too many animals on the ark?? Wouldn't it be a Godsend if a major benefactor came forward to fund the seminarians for this year!?

Thank you for your help! We need you to carry on our work, and we need the young vocations to carry on our work. God bless you! Have a happy Advent!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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