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Dear Benefactor,

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Congratulations to Fr Ferdinandus Walle, C.J.C. who took his final vows on May 8 in Maumere, Indonesia. And on May 13 our Brother Patrick Milan, C.J.D. from the Philippines was ordained a deacon at the seminary in Karaganda, Kazakhstan where he is attending the seminary in the Russian language. I'm including pictures, as I hope you are as excited by our new vocations as we are!! Thank God for our benefactors—How else could we pay for the seminary education for these guys?! Praying for you!

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Fr Ferdi in the middle with the priests concelebrating at his final vows



I was in Kazakhstan for the **deacon ordination of Brother Patrick Napal, C.J.D.** I didn't plan to go because we couldn't afford the expense, but when a benefactor heard that I couldn't go, he sent the money for my ticket right away! Brother Patrick was ordained a deacon on Sunday, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima in the cathedral of Our Lady of Fatima in Karaganda. He was received by the Apostolic Administration of Altirau. The Apostolic Administrator was practically begging me on both knees to send more brothers to be priests in his future diocese. Vocations are in demand everywhere.

Brother Patrick is from Davao, Philippines. He has remarkable language talents, but is especially known for his kind heart for the poor. He told how he would always go out at 10pm at night to meet the street people, because 10 o'clock is when the restaurants close and they dump their excess foods so it is a time when the street people can find something to eat! The seminary rector here told me how happy he was with Brother Patrick

because it was he who taught the other seminarians how to work with the sick and poor! His priesthood ordination should be in about six months.

Meanwhile our fingers are crossed about reconciliation in Korea, which borders our parish in Vladivostok! It could be a dream come true! Meanwhile we hope and pray for the **Catholics of North Korea**, which was the most Catholic part before the war. Will we have an opportunity to work there? Praying for it! Frankly, it is one of the reasons that we chose to work in Vladivostok instead of another part of Russia. Not only because there was a significant Catholic presence in this part of Russia, but also because we are close to China and Korea and Japan. That is a lot of potential for future missionary work. At the same time we are close to vocation sources such as the Philippines, Indonesia, and India. Dreams do come true, but we'll need your help to make it happen! God willing!!

Our parishioner **Bronislava** is the first of four children—the younger are all boys. She was born of a Catholic family in the Ukraine. Bronislava's father fought in the Russian army against Germany in WWII, and was killed, leaving Bronislava's mother to care for the children. With mom gone to work, Bronislava became the "mom" of the boys, and then later had her own family, so she is now a grandmother and even a greatgrandmother at 87 years old. She fell a few years ago and broke her hip, and, with poverty and rationed state medical care, she did not have a reparative surgery, so she has been bedridden since. She used to read a lot and watch some TV but in more recent times she has been blinded by cataracts and spends most of her days in prayer and listening to the radio. The social worker visits her every morning and prepares her food for the day. Her health is good enough to have those cataracts removed, but she doesn't have the \$532 needed for the operation. I'd like to help her!

Happy feastday, today, the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth—the parish feastday of my parish in Lesozavodsk!

Thank you for your donation! This is the time of year when we begin to get very short of funds, so we are doubly grateful to you. I already have a debt to pay. We will continue **our daily prayers for you**. We've worked here for 26 years already, and it was such a pleasure to see a full church on Palm Sunday and again at Easter and again for Pentecost! In spite of the difficulties, God is working.

God bless you!!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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