



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

January 15, 2020

Happy New Year!! Maybe we can see things more clearly in “20-20”! We are grateful to you for your donation, and pray for you in return. We know that our rewards are “out of this world”!

Thank you for your donation, and for helping support our seminarians! Thank you, too, for all your prayers for us during 2019, and let’s hope we will see a lot of better things in 2020! Maybe you can share our need with some friends?—we need more income-- Seminary education is expensive. We will be happy to include you in all our prayers in 2020—every day!

Here is a photo of two of our seminarians in Russian-speaking Kazakhstan. We are hoping for their deacon ordination very soon.



*2<sup>nd</sup> from left, Brother Agustinus, and 4<sup>th</sup> from left Brother Filipus. They are from Indonesia where the weather is quite different!*

*This is a photo from the Hospice here in Vladivostok where our volunteers—sisters, brothers, and laity--work with the dying.*



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Here is a photo of all the members of the joint choir during the Christmas Festival of Choirs here in our church on January 12. The Festival is our main ecumenical event of the year, with our choir, the Lutheran choir, the Methodist choir, and a Presbyterian choir participating. The Orthodox choirs usually don't want to participate, but their choirs are professionally paid choirs, whereas the other choirs are amateurs. This year the Baptist choir did not participate.



This week will be the ordination to the diaconate in Ho Chi Minh City of our Brother Mark Dao, C.J.D. He will be working with our Vietnamese parishioners here in Vladivostok and will be ordained a priest for us six months from now. The enthusiasm of the Vietnamese adds a lot to our parish! And Brother Mark is an enthusiastic guy himself. His favorite word is “Amazing!”

Thanks, and God bless you in the New Year! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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**Special Needs List:**

1. At the end of February we will have a bill of \$18,850 to pay the tuition of our seminarians in Russia. (Gulp!) I hope benefactors will come though again! “**Tuition**”