



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

October 31, 2022

Happy Halloween, and Happy All Saints Day! I'm finishing my **annual visit** to America at my sister's home in Evansville, Indiana. My weekend masses here have all been in the Diocese of Cape Girardeau in Missouri. These are mostly country or small town parishes, so a more peaceful life. It is a beautiful time of year, with all the leaves turning red. We are grateful for all the support that we received here. Now I have to figure out how to fly back to Vladivostok. Most airlines won't serve Russia because of the sanctions.

For the beginning of the university school year in Vladivostok on the 1st of October we were expecting six **new novices**. Three from Vietnam, two from the Philippines, and one from India. They will be studying Russian while they are with us in Vladivostok, and we hope they will want to work in Russia as priests after finishing the seminary, as the number of European priests gets less with the old age of us guys who came 30 years ago and the vocation crisis in Europe. Meanwhile, the other seminarians are in school already. Unfortunately one of the Filipino novices was in a horrific traffic accident in Manila just days before he was due to come to us! Broken bones! The doctors say he will need two months of rehabilitation, so we will wait for him in January!

We are so **grateful** for your donation! Needless to say, these are difficult and trying times for you and for us, what with inflation, sanctions, military activities, elections, and Covid. But we are so glad that you continue to support us—how else would we survive? God bless you and yours for your generosity!

The beautiful and spacious **new seminary building in Maumere**, Indonesia is nearing completion. Here are some items still needed:

Bedroom for 1 seminarian = \$670 for all furnishings, linens, pillow, towels, waste basket, lamp (need 24)

Bedroom for 1 priest or guest = \$750 - same as seminarian room + book case or extra table & chair (need 4)

Storage room = \$1,200 for shelving and cabinetry

Library = \$4,200 for shelving, chairs, tables, desktop copier

Office = \$2,400 for desk, office chair, 2 additional chairs, file cabinet, bookshelf, computer, printer, software, storage cabinet, lamp

Meeting room = \$2,200 for tables, 32 chairs, white board

Meanwhile, it is the time of year for four of our brothers to take their vows. Here are some pictures for you on the back side. Brother Peter Cao, C.J.D. is from Vietnam and finished his novitiate with us here in Vladivostok. In the photo he is signing his perpetual vows document—Sorry you can't see his face because of the covid mask. He will soon be serving in the diocese of Gary in Indiana.

Next is Brother Lloyd Cabatana, C.J.D. From the Philippines; he is also scheduled to serve in Gary, having completed his novitiate in Vladivostok. Next is Brother Dominic Kien, C.J.D., also from Vietnam. He is currently the superior of our eight seminarians studying in Vietnam. And finally, Fr Mark Dao, C.J.D. from Vietnam who is shepherding our 50 Vietnamese parishioners in Vladivostok. All took their novitiate in Vladivostok.

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Brother Peter, Brother Lloyd, Brother Dominic, and Father Mark

We are wishing and **praying** for your good health, and praying for you every day! Thank you so much, and God bless you! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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