



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

## Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

October 15, 2024

Hello from Connecticut! I'm here to do mission preaching for October—mission month. But I am writing to say “Thank You!” for your donation and your prayers. It is really God’s grace that we have faithful benefactors like you, else how could we do the work we are doing in Russia? And our presence there is even growing, with **new seminarians** who want to work in Russia as priests, and new parishes that we have to take over. But our new seminarians are from Asia! Often, they are from poor families and poor dioceses, so you see that your help is essential. Last month we received five new seminarians who want to be priests in Russia, so they come here for novitiate and for learning the Russian language: one from India, one from Africa, one from Vietnam, one from the Philippines, and one from Canada. You could include them in your prayers as they progress through novitiate and seminary to ordination!



In December, the three seminarians who joined us last year can take their **first vows**, and then move on to their final seminary preparation for priesthood. Currently we have four brothers waiting for ordination to the diaconate here in Russia. More guys are writing me asking to join us here in Russia, and more dioceses are writing asking for priests! And more young men are writing to me hoping to discern their future!

There is a possibility of a cash match if we raise sufficient funds for the **cars that we need**, as the old ones are getting to the end of their useful lives, and, of course, Russia is big and the parishes are far apart, so we use the cars a lot! In fact, we will need them even more soon, as we take over three more parishes: Arsenyev and Ussurysk, as I mentioned above, and a yet undetermined parish where our Father Patrick Napal, C.J.D. will be serving—yet to be decided by the bishop. If you want to donate for this purpose, just mark the check “For Cars.” I just noticed on one of the cars how rusty is the trunk lid, and rust is all around the bottom of the doors and chassis—It already had an engine change. The other one, our “long distance” Toyota Wish, is really on its last leg, and now the air conditioner went out, and we are told by the mechanics that it can’t be repaired because the car is too old and there are no spare parts for it. I tell the priests who are leaving for parish work to take some cash along, in case they have a breakdown and have to be towed! On September 21 the car I was in was rear-ended on our way to Arsenyev. Hopefully the driver of the other car will make good on his promise to pay for repairs.

Because we have vocations, we can help out other priests in our diocese when needed. Here is a photo of our Fr Marcus David, CJD, with parishioners of **Sakhalin Island’s** parish, including the sisters of Mother Theresa.

And of course I have to say “**Thank You!**” to all the folks in America who attended masses and programs for our mission through my presence in America for this past month. By the time you get this letter, I’ll be back in Russia.

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*Fr Marcus went to Sakhalin Island for three weekends so that Fr Robert, the Pastor, could go for vocation in Slovakia.*

For a little bit of happy news, our National Coordinator in Modesto has just given birth to twin girls! Congratulations to Jessica Trevillyan and husband Mason. Here is a photo for you!

**God bless you** for your financial and spiritual support! We'll use it as wisely as we can!

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

P.S. We need more mass intentions, too!

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