



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

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Dear Benefactor,

Double your donation! **Halleluiah!** An anonymous foundation in America has agreed to fund the **purchase of an automobile** for us! But there is a catch: It will be **matching grant**, so we need additional donations from our benefactors to receive this grant. In other words, the foundation will give us \$20,000 if our other donors will also help by donating a sum of \$20,000 for a second car! If we are successful, we will be able to buy two cars! We need these cars, 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 need them more now, as we have taken over three more parishes: Annunciation in Arsenyev and Nativity in Ussuryusk, 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 or donation “For Cars.”**

I noticed on one of our 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!

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Here is a photo of all the **catechists for children** in our diocese of St Joseph of Irkutsk. They had a workshop to improve their skills at Immaculate Conception Parish in Khabarovsk. Our parishioners, sisters and lay, participated. Fr Daniel Maurer, C.J.D., our pastor in Vladivostok, has upgraded the premises for our children’s classes, and Sunday School has started for this school year.

If you receive this letter with **American stamps**, it means that the sanctions are still in place, so we can’t send your letter directly from Russia. Let’s hope the problem will soon be solved to the satisfaction of all.

I’ve returned from my mission preaching assignment in Philadelphia and in Connecticut. 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. Now I’m already back in Russia! Just in time for winter!



The chaplain for the Vietnamese, Fr Vincent Phamm, C.J.D. and partygoers

On November 10 our Vietnamese parishioners had a special mass and party to celebrate the **Vietnamese Martyrs**. The Vatican estimates the number of Vietnamese martyrs at between 130,000 and 300,000, beginning in 1838. 117 of them were canonized by Pope John Paul II. On June 19, 1988, thousands of overseas Vietnamese worldwide gathered at St. Peter's Square for the celebration of their canonization. Their memorial in the current General Roman Calendar is on November 24 as **Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**.

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. 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!

So I am writing to say "Thank You!" for your donation and your prayers. **God bless you** for your financial and spiritual support! We'll use it as wisely as we can! But I want to tell you

the news, too, so you know how things are going.

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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

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