



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 Ussurysk, 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.”**

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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!

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



Our chaplain for the Vietnamese, Fr Vincent Pham, C.J.D. and partygoers

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**.

How about a footnote to **brag** about how our Russian community has effects elsewhere in the world? In this month two of our “alumni” who got their first training in religious life here in Vladivostok were ordained for service elsewhere! Brother Peter Cao, CJD was ordained for service in his home country of Vietnam, and Brother Justino Marquez, CJD, from the country of Timor Leste, was ordained for service in Indonesia or Timor Leste, depending upon further developments.

. 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!



Fr Justino in native costume with his parents at his first mass in Timor Leste, the first ordination in his home parish in 27 years.

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