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Our parishioner Vladimir Alexeyev was able to greet the Pope in the name of his former seminary classmate from Chicago—our Fr Daniel Maurer, C.J.D.

Alexeyev was able to go. Here is a photo of Vladimir's personal greeting with Pope Leo XIV. It was a great once-in-a-lifetime experience for the Russians from the Far East. Vladimir said that the representatives from our diocese were the most friendly and most holy. Vladimir was able to give Pope Leo the greetings of the pope's former classmate from the seminary in Chicago--our own Fr Daniel Maurer, C.J.D.! They had studied and worked in parishes together for about four years.



We received the second car you paid for on Giving Day and here is a picture for you. It is a Toyota Passo made in Japan, so the steering wheel is on the wrong side, but we are used to that here—Almost all the cars here are Japanese! We sure need good cars, as we are now taking care of all seven Catholic parishes in this state the size of Wisconsin, and also several parishes in Kazakhstan. Thanks for your

prayers for us, too!

Speaking of Kazakhstan, Fr Dan is planning to visit there in the near future. He will of course visit our three brothers there, but maybe more important he will be visiting the

For this Holy Year the Catholic church in Russia was invited to send a delegation to Rome, and somebody (??) paid a lot of the expenses! From our parish in Vladivostok our parishioner Vladimir



Fathers Jacob, Filipus, and Augustine, C.J.D. with Bishop Schneider.

seminary there in Karaganda with an eye to the future, The seminary there studies in the Russian language! So we may be sending seminarians there—much closer to us—just south of Novosibirsk in Siberia. Here is a photo of our three priests in Kazakhstan with Bishop Schneider, auxiliary bishop of Karaganda—Fr Jacob, Fr Filipus, and Fr Agustinus.

Now that the school year is well underway we are happy to see the influx of Catholic students from foreign countries who have come to Russia to study. Medicine and the Russian language are the most popular subjects. On Thursday nights we have Parishioners' Student's Night when our Russian parishioners come for some social and prayerful time together, and on Friday nights we have Foreign Students' Night, usually in English or Spanish. Up to 40 people attend, and it concludes with supper. Of course we aren't strict about who

attends when. Some of the foreign students have asked to be prepared for baptism. Our Bro. Francis is their teacher now. I have the baptismal preparation class on Sundays.

Wishing you grace and good health, and a happy “get-ready-for-Christmas” season. Happy St. Nicolas Day! God bless you! Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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