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Five Ordinations!

By Very Rev Myron Effing C.J.D.

Thanks be to God we got wonderful news to tell you about what happened on April 23rd. Two of our C.J.D. brothers were ordained priests for service here in Russia. Father Marcus David C.J.D. from Pakistan was ordained and assigned to work in our parish in Nahodka and Romanovka, helping Father Sebastian who last fall had a stroke. He is doing much better. Father Vincent Pham C.J.D. from Vietnam was ordained and assigned to help us with our many Vietnamese parishioners. He will also be working with Vietnamese parishioners in Khavarovsk.

As if that isn't enough, we also received word and pictures that three of our C.J.D. brothers in Indonesia were ordained deacons or priests on April 20th. All three of them received a year's training here in Vladivostok, Russia.

Most Holy Mother of God Pray for Us



Bishop Kirill Klimovich, DD., surrounded by his new clergy.

Two Take Simple Vows in Kazakhstan

CJD brothers Peter Tran Minh Dung, from Vietnam, and Lazar Iqbal, from Pakistan who were in Kazakhstan to study the Russian language and get acquainted with Kazakh culture, took simple vows for three years in CJD community chapel in Karaganda last March 13 20023. Here they are pictured with Bishop Adelio Del Oro D.D., bishop of Karaganda. They will continue their studies for the priesthood in their home countries.



Deacon Geraldo Ximenes C.J.D., Fr Yohanes Anggur C.J.D., and Deacon Dominic Pham C.J.D. were ordained at our C.J.D. chapel in Maumere Indonesia.



(l.) Brother Harben Forte C.J.D. and Brother Peter Nsamba C.J.D. at brother Peter's Solomn Vows.

A Letter from Brother Peter Nsamba

Brother Peter finished his novitiate with us in Vladivostok and is now in his last year of seminary training in Loyola School of Theology in the Philippines.

Dear Fr Myron, I am writing to express my profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for granting me the privilege and opportunity to make my solemn profession of religious vows in the Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord

This significant milestone in my spiritual journey has been made possible by your guidance, support, and trust.

As I reflect upon my time in the community, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the nurturing environment that you and the entire community have provided me. The

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love, wisdom, and sense of purpose that radiate from each member have been instrumental in shaping me into the person I am today. Your unwavering commitment to the Gospel values and your exemplary life have been a constant source of inspiration for me.

The solemn profession of religious vows is a profound commitment that signifies my unwavering dedication to God, the Church, and the community. It is a pivotal moment in my life, and I am humbled and deeply grateful for your unwavering support throughout this discernment process. Your trust in my vocation and your belief in my ability to contribute to the mission of the Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord have given me the strength and confidence to embrace this lifelong commitment.

I am also grateful for the patience, guidance, and formation that I have received from the community during my period of initial formation. The teachings, spiritual direction, and fraternal support have been invaluable in deepening my understanding of religious life and equipping me with the necessary tools to live a life of service, prayer, and dedication. The charism of the Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord has become an integral part of my identity, and I am honoured to be a witness to the transformative power of living according to its principles. I remain committed to living out the charism of our community with zeal, joy, and fidelity. May God continue to bless our community and guide us on our shared journey of faith and service.

Baby Talk

From the Women's Support Centers



"Maybe I look better from this side."
[Victoria January 1 2021]

With profound gratitude and warm regards,

Br. Peter Nsamba CJD

Letter to Brother Peter Nsamba C.J.D

By Very Rev Fr Myron Effing C.J.D.

Dear Brother Peter,

When I do a wedding, this is the time I usually say, "at this time you can still leave, but after this you must be committed to each other forever!" this applies to you too, brother peter, as you take final vows, and all those present will hear your words. Do not disappoint them, but keep your words into eternal life! Your witness comes at an important time in the history of the Church. We celebrated the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ, and soon, in two thousand thirty-three - just 10 years from now – she will celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the redemption, when Jesus sacrificed himself for the salvation of the world, and should we have any doubt that everyone on earth would have heard the Gospel by that time? The 2000 years mentioned by John in the book of Revelations would have passed so you, as a canon regular of Jesus the Lord, have the privilege to be His witness in the center of the Church, witnessing daily by your public prayers in the Church and maybe even more importantly by the example of your joy of having been found in Christ. Be careful to avoid all sin, but especially those which some clergy have committed which have brought such pain to the Church that many dioceses have even had to be bankrupt to try to provide some healing for the victims of such sins. But you should be an example of goodness and joy as you serve the Gospel and the people, following the example of Jesus himself who was a source of healing and joy for those who followed him.

As you know, we canons follow the "apostolic life" which is expressed in today's first reading: we devote ourselves to "the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers."

This easter season I have been impressed with how the author of the book of Hebrews explained the mystery of Christ in terms of the Old Testament prophets and symbols. You too will always be a teacher by your word and example. May the holy spirit always help you in that work.

Unfortunately Civil law does not allow any of your brothers to be with you today, but we are with you in prayer and I give you my blessing, in the name of the father, and of the son, and of the holy spirit.

Fr Myron Effing
Superior General
CJD

The Innocent Smile

By Seminarian Pradeep Mulupuri, C.J.D.

The world around us is full of life and love . Each one of us experience this life and love in various ways or through various people according to the standard of living . There are some who are deprived of this privilege, as they are abandoned by their loved ones; specially the innocent children . However, there are various reasons for abandoning children . Situations such as sudden demise of the parents, parents abandoning children because they are differently abled and are unwanted in their life.

It's my privilege to work in **Share Home Children's Center** while waiting for my post-seminary assignment. . This home gives accommodation for twenty-five children who are pursuing their studies in school. . It is located in the farthest end of Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh, India), away from all the basic facilities . . . This center is administered by an Ex-Priest, who found his passion and love in serving these under privileged children.

In the Gospels we read, Jesus had special love for

provisions required. I also join for evening games and prayers.



Being with these children I could learn a lot for my life, especially as I wish to be a Priest. Their innocence, smile, and cheerfulness have touched my heart; though they are suffering quietly, yet they courageously leave everything aside for their brighter future. They were very free with me in sharing their

thoughts and opinions. I could also in own way motive them to become someone in life. They were very much taken up by the thought: 'Todays hard work will pay for tomorrow.' In a way I could give them positive vibrations for a better tomorrow. My presence made a difference in the life of these children and their presence laid a strong foundation for my future ministry as a priest. Today I can very well say with my experience: 'True joy is found only in giving oneself to the other for their brighter tomorrow'.



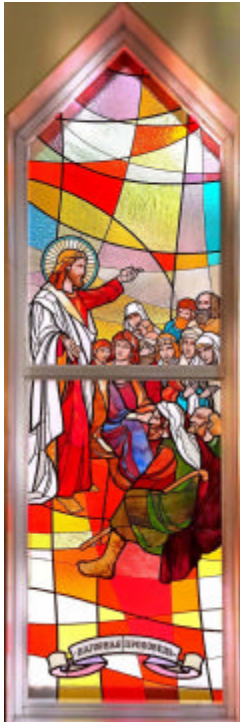
children and loved spending his time with them. From the beginning of my priestly formation, I have a special love and concern for the children. At this time, I am privileged to get this greatest opportunity to serve the children in this Home . I take English and Social classes in the evening. I go to market twice a week to purchase vegetables and other

I sincerely thank all the fathers, well-wishers, and benefactors for your kind support, prayers, and concern. May God continue to shower His choicest Blessings upon you.

Your brother in Christ,
Brother Pradeep, Mulupuri C.J.D.



St Cyril and Methodius



Sermon on the Mount



Last Supper

News Notes

By V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

● The City of Nakhodka has granted the official use of the building as a church. Now I hear some very good news that three more stained glass windows have been installed and I hear they are very beautiful. Here are the pictures for you.

● Let me give you a third wonderful bit of news. Here in Vladivostok at the Easter Vigil four adult men received the catholic faith and were baptized. My “exclamation” was “where are the women?” We’ve noted for a long time that men seem to be very comfortable in our parish – of course the women are happy about that, too.



Our parish congratulates the four new baptized men. Their confirmation will be later.

● With the end of so many Covid restrictions we are happy that some of our seminarians who have finished seminary but couldn’t come “home” to Vladivostok. Brother Pradeep Mulupuri, C.J.D. was the first to arrive. He came from a seminary in India. Brother Lloyd Cabataña, C.J.D. from the Cebu, Philippines where he was temporarily helping Medalla Milagrosa Parish in the town of Hilongos, Leyte Philippines. Brother Edwin Intan, C.J.D. from Cebu, Philippines where he has been involved in mission activities in Consuelo village and Unidos village in San Francisco, Cebu, Philippines. Welcome home brothers.



Brother Edwin on his mission motorcycle.



● Parish kids enjoy the new swing set. Thanks to the benefactors who donated money for it because we bought the set near the end of summer. The store had sold out the larger models so if we are able to a larger model now this set will go to the Our Lady of the Pacific Parish in Nahodka.



(l.) Father Sebastian DeSilva, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Romanovka, Fr Daniel Maurer C.J.D., founder of the parish, Father Nikita Kushnarev C.J.D. were the celebrants of the feast day mass.

- Holy Trinity Parish in Romanovka celebrated its parish feast day on Saturday May 3 2003. It was 30 years ago in June that Fr Myron Effing C.J.D held the first event for Catholics in Romanovka and he asked Fr Daniel to be the first pastor. Father Sebastian is now the fourth pastor and he is the one who built the new Holy Trinity Church in Nakhodka as pastor also of Nakhodka. After the feast day mass the parish had dinner.
- 30 Years of Yum!



On June first our cook Nadezhda Kaptelova celebrated 30 years of cooking for our Vladivostok community. She started with us when we were just living in an apartment in the City and came along with us when we received the

church and moved to it. Now she's been with us in the rectory cooking dinner five days a week. For breakfast and supper the brothers fend for themselves. It turned out that her home is next door to the rectory so its convenient for both her and for us. Congratulations and thankyou Nadezhda!

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How to Communicate with us

To make a donation or order a Mass using your money card, go here: <http://vladmission.org/get-involved/donate/>

To watch our Russian Sunday mass, (8:00 pm Central Time Saturdays) go here: <https://vk.com/public211190633>.

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| 8/6 | St. Bridget of Sweden Van Nuys CA | Fr. Dan |
| 8/6 | St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Las Vegas NV | Fr. Doug |
| 8/13 | OL of Lourdes-Tujunga CA | Fr. Dan |
| 8/13 | Resurrection - Evansville IN | Marilyn W. |
| 8/20 | St. John the Evangelist San Diego CA | Fr. Dan |
| 8/27 | St. Martin de Porres - Prosper TX | Fr. Dan |
| 9/3 | Christ the King - Springfield IL | Patrick M. |
| 9/3 | Immaculate Conception, Nat. of Blsd Virgin, St. Helena Panna Maria TX | Tyler K. |

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.
God bless you and your family.

Sincerely, Jessica Trevillyan, USA Mission Desk
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Opportunities

♥ Summer is here and there are so many great ways to help the mission right from your own parish. One enjoyable activity and fundraiser for our mission is having an **Icon Sale**. Ask your pastor if you may host a weekend Russian Icon sale after Masses at your parish. The mission office provides all the religious goods needed. Sell **Russian and Greek icons and gifts**, statues, rosaries and other religious goods for all the sacraments while bringing awareness of the Vladivostok Mission to your fellow parishioners. You and your team may also designate where your fundraising efforts go, i.e. Women's Centers, Adopt a Mother, Seminarian Education, Emergency Fund, General, etc. Please contact Vicky 209-408-0728 or usoffice@vladmission.org for details.



♥ You can also help us spread the news of our mission at **Catholic conferences**. Pass out our mission literature and sell religious gifts from our booth and even get to hear great Catholic speakers! If you are in driving distance of any of these conferences, we ask for your help! These are just a few of the conferences we hope to attend. Know of a conference in your area? Please let us know!

- July 28-29 NCRC, CA (Filled)
- August 4-6 Midwest Catholic Family Conf., KS
- August 25-27 Marian Conference, AZ
- September 8-9 Eucharistic Congress, NC
- September 21-24 Catholic Answers, CA (Filled)
- September 23 Catholic Men's Conference, CT
- October 1-4 ICSC Stewardship Conference, FL
- October 13-15 Diocesan Congress, CA (Filled)
- October 20 Jesus 2023 Conference, MO
- October 28 Catholic Women's Conference, PA

♥ Add these short but powerful books to your summer reading list! Order through our mission's online store, www.store.vladmission.org.

Save 20% on these great reads and your entire purchase with our Summer Discount Coupon!



Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence, The Secret of Peace and Happiness

Fr Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure S.J.
St Claude de la Colombiere, S.J.

"Since it is the most perfect act of charity and the most pleasing and acceptable sacrifice that is given to man to offer to God, there can be no doubt that whoever practices entire submission to His Will lays up inestimable treasures at every moment and amasses more riches in a few days than others are able to acquire in many years and with great labor. To remain indifferent to good fortune or to adversity by accepting it all from the hand of God without questioning, not to ask for things to be done as we would like them but as God wishes, to make the intention of all our prayers that God's Will should be perfectly accomplished in ourselves and in all creatures is to find the secret of happiness and content." (Pg 31)

Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence

Courageous Love, A Bible Study on Holiness for Women
Stacy Mitch

"Courageous Love guides women through Scripture and the Catechism in an exploration of who God has called us to be. What a refreshing and thought-provoking resource for individual or group study! Highly recommended."

--Kimberly Hahn
Author, *Life-Giving Love*



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From the development desk...

Dear Friends:

We did it! We raised more than our goal for our first **Giving Day!** A deposit has been made on our 2020 Toyota and will soon be able to purchase it. Any remaining funds after purchase will go toward the upkeep of the new van.



Come hear about the mission at a parish near you! Our priest and lay speakers will be speaking about the Church in Eastern Russia throughout the summer. They will be speaking at all weekend masses and telling of our history as well as giving updates. Check out the table below for dates, parishes and locations, and speakers of our summer **Mission Appeals**.

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| 7/2 | Nativity of the Lord - Alma MI | David N. |
| 7/2 | St. Vincent de Paul -Shepherd MI | Nico S. |
| 7/2 | Holy Family - New Braunfels TX | Fr. Dan |
| 7/2 | Vietnamese Martyrs San Antonio TX | Fr. Luong |
| 7/9 | St. Dominic - Shaker Heights OH | Bruce G. |
| 7/9 | Our Lady of Grace - Encino CA | Fr. Dan |
| 7/16 | Most Sacred Heart - Eureka MO | David N. |
| 7/16 | St Lawrence - Monett MO | Fr. Dan |
| 7/16 | Good Shepherd - Evansville IN | Marilyn W. |
| 7/23 | St. Mary, Star of the Sea Ballinger TX | Fr. Dan |
| 7/23 | St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne IN | Tyler K. |
| 7/30 | St. Paul - Fenton MO | Fr. Doug |
| 7/30 | St. Michael & St. Peter Brookville IN | Fr. Dan |
| 7/30 | St. John the Evangelist Evansville IN | Marilyn W. |

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