

MISSION RUSSIA

Sisters in *Jesus* the Lord

Vol. 2, No. 2

www.cjd.cc

Fall, 2006

Sisters in Jesus the Lord: Four Strong

**COME! MEET
SISTERS IN JESUS THE LORD
AT ST. AGNES CONVENT**

DECEMBER 2, 2006!



Collette, Sr. Catherine Marie, Sr. Julia, Sr. Maria Stella

*You and your family are cordially invited
to an afternoon at the convent...*

to meet **Sisters in Jesus the Lord** at St. Agnes Convent in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Saturday, December 2nd, from 2 PM to 5 PM. Join us for a tour of the convent; then sung prayer in the convent chapel; followed by insights into our future plans and news on the Russian mission in Vladivostok, including the Milk and Fruit Program and the Grandmother Mentor Program for orphans; plus music and refreshments in the convent dining room. See the beautiful Austrian baroque Church of St. Agnes at the 5:15 PM Mass. We would love to meet you! Please bring your friends!

RSVP by November 17th, 651-291-7777.



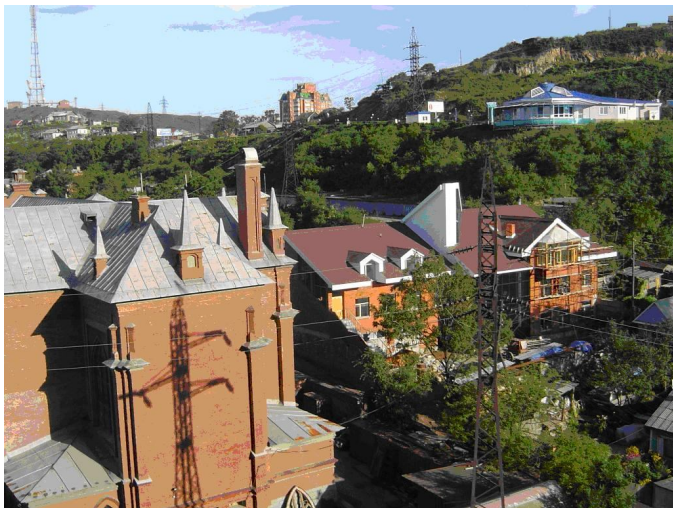
Sr. Catherine Marie, and Fr. Daniel Maurer, C.J.D., on June 18, 2006, after her reception as a novice in Sisters in Jesus the Lord.

CANONS REGULAR OF JESUS THE LORD MOVE INTO NEW MONASTERY

After twelve years of living *in* Most Holy Mother of God Catholic Church in Vladivostok, Russia, our brother canons are eager to move into their newly built monastery! Located right next to the church, it has three floors: floors 1 and 2 are parish hall, Sunday School classrooms, kitchen, dining room and offices, and floor 3 is the monastery for the canons. Congratulations, Fr. Myron and Fr. Dan, Br. Oleg and Joseph! Once they move in, the extra concrete floor in the church will be removed, and the church will be completely restored to its original design.

Other exciting news: a parishioner in Russia is donating the funds for steeples to be built. Church bells donated to the church by the Solidarity movement in Poland and blessed by Pope John Paul II have been waiting to be installed. Once the

steeple are complete, the entire church will be rededicated by the bishop of Irkutsk, with bells pealing, hopefully sometime next year. +



Canons' new monastery on right, church on left

SACRED MUSIC AND SISTERS IN JESUS THE LORD

Father Myron, head of our brother community, Canons Regular in Jesus the Lord, explains that canons have historically been responsible for leading the liturgy in a “solemn and festive manner,” among other duties. As canonesses, we plan to work alongside the canons in developing beautiful music for singing the Liturgy of the Hours in the parish in Russian. Eventually, most of our community prayers, including Eucharistic Adoration, will take place in the parish church, where the parish community will always be →

TO CONTACT SISTERS OR CANONS:

Sisters in Jesus the Lord

525 Thomas Ave, St. Paul, MN 55103
(651) 291-7777 www.cjd.cc info@cjd.cc

Mary Mother of God Mission Society

1854 Jefferson Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105-1662
(651) 227-0208 www.vladmission.org

Lay mission organization supporting our brother community in Vladivostok, Russia.

Sisters in Jesus the Lord is a new private association seeking to “bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people” (John Paul II), starting with reviving the Roman Catholic Church in the Russian Far-East. For now, the members may use their religious names and wear the habit in the convent only. Two Roman Catholic American priests who are Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord are working in Vladivostok, Russia, and we will be their sister community.

[continued from left column]

encouraged to participate. In this way, we hope to be a daily, visible reminder of the need for prayer and faithfulness, whether here in the United States or as far away as Vladivostok, Russia.

Eventually, most of our community prayers, including Eucharistic Adoration, will take place in the parish church, where the parish community will always be encouraged to participate.

In St. Paul, we already sing the Liturgy of the Hours in English to simple, yet original, chant-like melodies.

Currently, our members assist with music for liturgies and holy hours at a nearby mission parish, with organ, harp, flute, and voice, as well as sing in the Twin Cities Catholic Chorale on Sundays at the Church of St.

Agnes. Recently, several of us recorded the Divine Mercy chaplet at the local Catholic station of Relevant Radio, 1330 AM.



Celtic harp: gift of St. Philip Benizi Parish choirs, Jonesboro, Georgia

We would be delighted to have you join us for prayer. Please see our web-page under “Daily Prayer” for our schedule.+

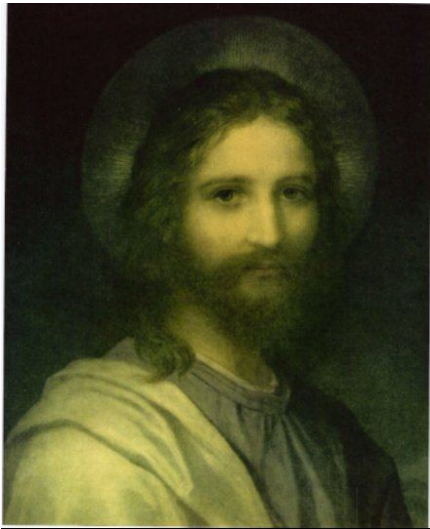
SILENT “DESERT DAY” AT CONVENT!

This is a free, bi-monthly opportunity for single women to spend an overnight and day of complete quiet for prayer and reflection at St. Agnes Convent in St. Paul. Participants have been delighted to have time for silence, and to join us in singing the Liturgy of the Hours.

Our next “Desert Day” will be November 11-12, 2006. Contact us if you would like to attend! Ages 17 and older are welcome. See our website for more details under “Desert Days.”

“AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.” John 20:21

(An Interview with Sister Julia Kubista, M.M.)



“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”
John 14:6

Q: Sister, in your spring newsletter, you promised to continue answering the question, “Why introduce Christ to all nations?”

A: Pope Benedict XVI, in his message for World Mission Sunday, October 22, 2006, says,

“The love which God has for each single person constitutes, in fact, the very core of living and preaching the Gospel, and all who hear it, in turn, become witnesses. [. . .] The mandate to spread the message of love was entrusted to the Apostles by Jesus after His Resurrection, [. . .] From that time on, the Church continues this same mission, which constitutes for all believers an indispensable and permanent duty.”

Part of proclaiming the love of Christ is to not be afraid to share the truth of the Gospel with each person who is inspired to listen. This truth is precious beyond words, but, as the Holy Father said recently in Munich, “We impose this faith upon no one . . . Faith can develop only in freedom.”

Q: Not long ago, Pope Benedict XVI said that the greatest crisis we face is a “dictatorship of relativism.” What is relativism, and how does it relate to Christ’s mandate to go and teach all nations all that He had taught them?

“The mandate to spread the message of love... entrusted to the Apostles by Jesus after His Resurrection, . . .constitutes for all believers an indispensable and permanent duty.” --Pope Benedict XVI

What a tremendous blessing people have who know Our Lord! How can anyone who has been given the gift of the Faith, and believes that Jesus Christ is “the Truth” - refrain from sharing it with others?

A: George Weigel, writing in the *Omaha World-Herald* on September 9, 2006, explained that a relativist is one who says, “There is ‘your truth’ and ‘my truth’ but nothing such as ‘the truth.’” Of course, if one believes that there is “nothing such as ‘the truth,’” then one man’s beliefs are as good as the beliefs of anyone else. However, relativism contradicts Christ, Who said, “I am the Truth.” Jesus Our Lord is true God and true man, the One Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. What a gift of love it is for any believer to introduce another person to Christ, the Eternal Truth!

Q: With the crisis of relativism in our time, how important is it to share this gift of truth with others?

A: How often have you heard someone remark, “How do people who don’t know Christ make it through the difficult decisions and tragedies that life brings?” As we live out our faith, walking in the way of truth, we realize more each day the joy it is:

- * to be baptized into Christ and to receive His immortal life in our souls
- * to have the choice of preparing ourselves now for an eternal heavenly existence with God later
- * to have the privilege of receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist
- * to have the possibility of receiving other sacraments
- * to have present within us the Holy Spirit, guiding us whenever we ask
- * to have our Lord as a faithful friend.

Let us pray.

Lord God, help us remain in Your Son as branches on the vine, that, planted firmly in Your love, we may testify before the whole world to Your great power working everywhere. Come, let us praise the Lord; in Him is all our delight. + --From the Liturgy of the Hours of Thurs., Wk. II

Fall 2006 Newsletter

Sisters in Jesus the Lord
525 Thomas Ave
St. Paul, MN 55103-1691



**Vladivostok: Our First
Mission Destination**

~ HOW CAN I HELP? ~

▪ **BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH
SISTERS IN JESUS THE LORD!**

We believe that God wants us to get to Russia as soon as possible to help the growing Catholic Church in the Russian Far-East with Father Myron Effing and the Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord. We are eagerly preparing for the day when we can join them. **We hope to send three sisters in August of 2008**, which will be here before we know it. Please pray that young women who have a vocation to the missionary life will come, and that our community will develop according to God's plan. We would like to send a list of prayer intentions each month to all our prayer partners.

Please, will you join us in this endeavor? If so, **please email us** at sisterjulia@cjd.cc, or send us your address.

▪ **ADOPT A SISTER!**

No gift is too small! All donations are tax-deductible.



**Make donations on-line at
www.cjd.cc or**

**Make checks payable to:
Sisters in Jesus the Lord
Send to:
Sisters in Jesus the Lord
525 Thomas Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55103-1691
(651) 291-7777**

WISH LIST:

Frequent Flier miles: -for round-trip for two to Vladivostok next year so we can attend the rededication of Most Holy Mother of God Catholic Church .
A piano for the convent; also ***an oboe*** and ***alto recorder***.
A serger for our sewing room.