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Dear Matt,

It is now a couple of years since we last met in Ukraine. I hope that you are keeping well, and that you are still working with QAMA. At one stage I had your e-mail address but don't seem to have it any longer, and so I hope that this will reach you all right. I got this address from the internet.

A year ago I finished nine years as Provincial in this part of the world, and Fr. Tomaz (whom I'm sure you also met) took over from me. He asked me not to go back to Ireland but to stay on and help. So presently I am looking after two small parishes here in the Ural Region of Russia – over 1,000 miles East of Moscow. Tomaz also asked me to try to assist in fundraising – I am the only one with English as a first language. We are in the process of establishing an indigenous Vincentian Community over here. To date we have 9 young Vincentian priests – all born as citizens of the atheistic USSR. In addition we are beginning very specific Vincentian works. We have a programme for the street children; a meals-on-wheels programme for poor families; a group working with the children victims of AIDS (Ukraine has the highest rate of AIDS in Europe); and, present in Odessa we are starting a programme for ex-prisoners who have little to look forward to other than TB, alcoholism and a return to prison. Of course our problem is to fund these works along with the formation of our seminarians.

I attended the Second International Conference to assist the Catholic Church in the former USSR, organised by QAMA. I was surprised to see my photo on your web-site. I met all sorts of excellent people there – not least yourself, and I would love to try to reconnect again. I am planning to go to the US in 2011, but have fixed no dates still I can get something arranged. Perhaps you can let me know Matt, if there is any possibility of meeting with QAMA, or with a small group of people who are interested in continuing with the development of the Catholic Church over here.

We have set up a registered Fund in the USA and so any donations which are made will be eligible for tax exemption, and that might assist some people. Everything is still a bit in the future, but I would love to hear from you Matt, and get your advice and ideas.

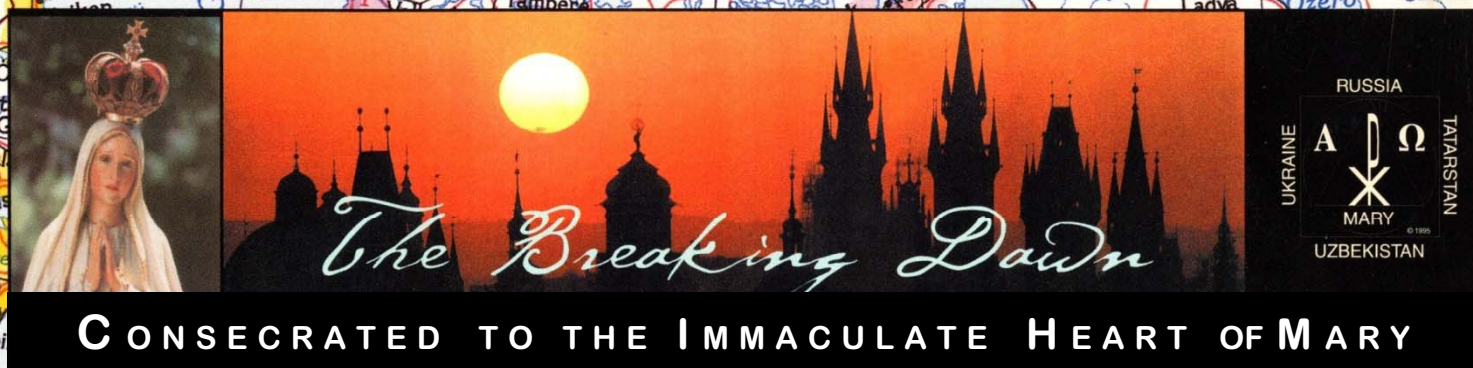
With every best wish,  
Yours sincerely in the love of Christ Jesus,

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At Hoshiv Marian Shrine with our Greek Catholic friends Celebrating Fr. Demyan's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



By day we are guest English teachers and by night we are guest missionaries as we pray, sing songs and tuck the orphans into bed at Trypillja orphan boarding school.

### Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us!

On this great Feast let us turn to our Immaculate Mary and implore her protection for a world that needs the virtue of purity to survive and to attain salvation. We pray especially for the hearts of our dear orphans. We give thanks for the earnest hearts of our missionary priests in Ukraine and Russia who are instructing and guiding the hearts of the children in their parishes to be pure. They are always available to hear confessions. We rejoice with the pure hearted sisters that we serve with our prayers and our sacrifices. They are living examples of the joy that comes with living chastely.

We thank you for your longstanding support of these priests, sisters and orphans. They wait for your blessings. In their current economic crisis every little sacrifice of yours goes a long way to relieve their sufferings. Please remember them this Christmas season.

Near Odessa the Byzantine sisters are opening a new House of Mercy (Dom Miloserdia) for pregnant girls and young nursing mothers. Bishop Vasyl Ivasiuk strongly encourages us to support them. Please encourage them with your blessings this Christmas Season.

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On a sad note, our beloved Sister Blagovishnya, with whom we sang Easter songs in Ivano-Frankivsk for many years, is now gravely ill with cancer. She returned from missions in Omsk and Khabarovsk, Russia this past summer to receive medical care in Kyiv where we spoke with her. Now she is in an Italian hospital. Fr. Fernando Bravo asks us to pray for this dear sweet Byzantine sister.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Pray for Sister Blagovishnya and all of those who serve you so lovingly, now and always. Amen!

We have so many grateful priests and religious waiting for some help that we promised them. We will patiently wait for your response to this appeal.

May the baby Jesus protect you and show you his Mercy. May his virginal mother always intercede for you, and protect your hearts.

**We wish you a Holy Christmas!**

Sr. Sergeiia prepares the priests' meals and teaches catechism to the children in Malyn, Ukraine.



Frs. Ihor & Ruslan roast pork shishkabob for their guests.



Julia Shulha and Sylvia exchange farewell hugs at graduation.



Sylvia and Matt will return to Ukraine as man & wife, 11-13-2010.

**Grants January to November 2010**

Fr. Ruslan Demchuk – Malin	\$100
Orphans assistance – Vasilkiv	\$200
Sisters of the Holy Eucharist – Ivano-Frankivsk	\$200
St. Onufrio Monastery – L'viv	\$300
St. Basil's Monastery, construction – Lutsk	\$400
Fr. Yatzek Pyl – Chernigiv	\$400
Shkola Internat, clothes – Trypillja	\$500
Seminarian Ihor Stetsivka, tuition – L'viv	\$500
Ulaskivtsi Monastery – new construction	\$500
Fr. Fernando Bravo – Mikolaev	\$500
Canossian Sisters – Vinnitsa	\$500
Sister Virginia Lipska – Kyiv	\$600
Fr. Juan Carlos Sack, parish needs – Tajikistan	\$800
Oblates of Mary Immaculate – Obukhiv	\$1,000
Queen of Apostles Seminary – St. Petersburg	\$1,000
Las Byzantinas, women's shelter – Krehkivtsi	\$1,400
Fr. Olkhovskyy, rectory construction – Malin	\$1,800
Fr. Zdislaw Zajac, parish needs – Berdyansk	\$2,200
Orphanage renovation – Trypillja	\$3,000
Fr. Ivan Kolodij – New parish in L'viv	\$3,900
<u>Seminaries/Monasteries in Ukraine</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,800</b>



Lutsk parishioners give humble thanks that you have paid for more than one third of their construction costs since 2000.



Many of the Shulha orphans have left Trypillja for the Vasilkiv trade school, like Sasha, who has known us since he was a little boy.



We take Andrij, Vitya, Sasha and others to Mass at the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Monastery in Obukhiv.



We walked with 5 orphans to the local cemetery to visit our beloved Upbringer Ludmilla's grave and to pray for her soul.