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“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord”.

Dear benefactors and friends of the seminary,

It has been a year full of graces and surprises from the Lord; a year in which we have seen how in our limitedness the Lord acts. The Solemnity of Christmas reminds us of the love God has for every man, whoever he may be. An infinite love, which was manifested in the incarnation of Jesus Christ, who “did not regard equality with God something to be grasped, rather, he emptied himself, assuming a condition of a servant, becoming like men. God-with-us (Emmanuel) descends into our reality to make himself one with us and take us with him to heaven!



It is why with great joy that we announce that on Saturday, March 8, in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, our bishop, Philippe Jourdan, will ordain two of our seminarians as deacons: Manuel and Giosuè. Manuel Leal Almeida is Portuguese and is part of the first group of seminarians who started seminary in 2015. After finishing his philosophical and theological studies, he served two years as a missionary in a parish in Lisbon and one year in an itinerant team in the northern part of Mexico. Giosuè Schirru is from Italy and joined our seminary in 2017. He, too, once he finished his studies was sent for two years to an itinerant team in Mexico City. Both are grateful to the Lord for the call they received, and to the Church, for the care with which she has led them through these years in the growth of their vocation.

In October and November there were catechesis in which substantially the whole seminary participated, Julian, Matto and Fr. Eliaz were part of the team; while Giosuè, Brandon and Andrés helped in translating. A community of 10 brothers was born, most of them from outside the Church. Finally, after so many years of mission, we are beginning to see the fruits.

The seminary life otherwise goes on smoothly: Julian, Brandon, Andrés, and Matteo are preparing for the winter session of exams, while Kiryl, Marco, and Pablo continue with their mission period.

In addition, we are glad to announce that the Holy Father has approved the beatification of Archbishop Eduard Profittlich, a German-born Jesuit who served in Estonia and was martyred during the Soviet Union in 1942. This is the first beatification of the Estonian Church recognized by the Holy See. We are witnessing today that “the blood of martyrs is the seed of new Christians”.

This wonderful work that the Lord is carrying out here in Estonia has been made possible also thanks to your support and prayers. The roof repair work is near completion. Thanks to the new thermal insulation, we already notice the difference: the house is finally warmer! We see that through your help, The Lord is providing day by day.



May God repay you a hundredfold, fill you with the graces you need and inspire new benefactors. We thank you for the generosity you have had toward us up until now, and the generosity we are sure you will have in the future. We pray for you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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