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"The Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord" is a new religious community dedicated to live, pray, and work in the marvelous country which suffered so much—and continues to suffer—from the devastation brought by atheism and Communist socialism.

Currently we are working at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Mother of God in Vladivostok, where we serve seven parishes and have formed two charitable organizations that carry out a variety of functions. Our members are Americans and Russians to date.

For canons, the first order of the day is liturgical prayer, which we do in the Russian language, and then comes our work and charitable activities. Our loyalty to one another is also important for living and working together in this troubled country. We need practically every trade and skill to reestablish the Church here. Those prospects who are considering the priesthood should have at least some years of college behind them before candidacy and novitiate. Our novitiate lasts one year, and simple vows three years.



Men...

Would you like to dedicate your religious life to work and pray in Russia?

The adventure begins in Vladivostok!...

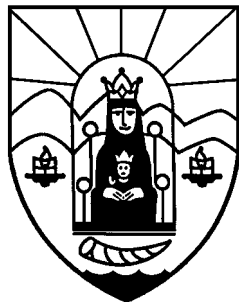


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Let us first remember the great Samuel who dedicated himself to the service of the Lord in the temple at Shiloh (*1 Samuel*). **He lived in the temple day and night to serve the Lord, to offer praise and sacrifice.** The Lord called him in the middle of the night to be His prophet, giving an example for troubled times of the transition from pastoral life to city life, from the time of the judges to the time of the kings. It was he who anointed David, who was to serve as the great precursor and foreteller of the Christ, Jesus the Lord.

Let us also remember Saints Simeon and Anna whose constant presence in the temple offering prayer and works of mercy give us Canons Regular today, an example of the Lord's worthy servants. **Canons Regular** recognized Him and proclaimed Him, giving thanks to God and rejoicing to be witnesses of the great historical events of the salvation of humanity. (*Luke 2:22-38*) Even Jesus answered His mother with, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" when he remained in the temple in Jerusalem as a child. (*Luke 2:49*)



The apostles went to the temple to pray, and there they taught the new Christian community to sing hymns of praise, to break bread, to hold all things in common, and to live in brotherly love and mutual support. (*Acts 2:42*) They were the example that the **Canons Regular** follow to this day: **a life in the church, with prayers and songs, sharing property in common, laboring for the Gospel and for the people, and striving to give an example of Christian life and spirit to others.**

Saint Augustine followed the example of the apostles and formed a religious community of the clergy who wanted to live in the church, to pray together, to contemplate and understand the actions of the Lord for the salvation of the world, and to be of service to the Gospel. He was a gifted preacher, a fierce lover of the truth, an example of brotherly love, and a model of pastoral service. For this community he wrote the *Rule of St Augustine*, which has been used ever since by the religious life he founded, the **Canons Regular**.

The historical record is full of the great men who were **Canons Regular** and the works which they performed, and we have historical materials which will interest you.

You only have one life to live. Live it for the Lord!

The Canons Regular were the first to adopt the three evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience as the standard for religious life. We are vowed religious men who form a community of prayer and common life in the church that we serve.

The Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord is a new congregation being founded in Russia at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Mother of God in Vladivostok. The Cathedral is a natural place for canons because there is plenty of opportunity to live, pray, and work together while helping to replant the Christian faith in this land in which it was almost completely destroyed.

The chief characteristics that a candidate must have to consider joining us are, love for Jesus the Lord and for his Church, an ability and desire to live in community, a preference for the liturgy above other forms of prayer, and enough good health to withstand the rigors of life in Russia. Most candidates will want to serve as priests or deacons.

If a life in and around the church building, a life in common with your brothers, a life of serving the spiritual and material needs of God's people interests you, you can start a conversation with us by email. We can send you our current newsletter, and answer your questions. **Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you guidance and to show you the way.**

