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I am writing to you to thank you for your continued support of the projects we are able to do here in Russia. I am pleased to report that the curia is being built as I write this letter. The foundation has been poured and construction has begun.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere condolences for the recent terrorist attacks on the United States, the freest country in the world. I know that without the freedoms afforded and upheld in your constitution, we would never be able to accomplish the projects so badly needed by the people of Russia. Your generosity gives us hope to press on and continue the work that God has given us to do.

I want you to know that I will continue to keep you in my prayers, particularly now during these very difficult times. I will ask Our Lord to protect the citizens of America and others victimized by the terrorists. I would like to request also that you keep me and our work here in Russia in your prayers and that you consider another gift towards the continued building of the curia. We still need to raise \$1.5 million to complete the building.

I will keep you posted as to the progress of the curia as well as other projects (i.e. churches, schools, etc.) we plan to work toward in order to bring the Catholic Church back to the hungry souls in Russia.

Sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Thaddaeus Kondrusiewicz
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