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8th MCS Worldwide Reunion 2014
30th Anniversary of MCS Former Students (Ont.) Inc.
A Celebration that You Don't Want to Miss!

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Date: August 2 - 3, 2014
Schedule of events:
Saturday, August 2, 2014 Registration and cocktail reception at Royal Ontario Museum (100 Queen's Park, Toronto)
Sunday, August 3, 2014 Mass
WWR and 30th Anniversary Dinner at Hyatt Regency, (370 King St. W, Toronto)
Ticket price: \$350 for full event
Optional: Friday, August 1, 2014 Niagara Falls and Wine Tour at Niagara-on-the-Lake (Additional cost for the day tour)
Accommodation: We have reserved some rooms at Hyatt Regency Toronto for our event participants. The rooms are on special rate at \$169 plus applicable taxes per night. They are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Once this block of rooms is sold, the room rate may be much higher depending on the hotel's occupancy. If you are interested, please contact our committee members or email us at mcswwr2014@gmail.com.
What to do in Toronto?
Toronto is a multi-cultural and vibrant city with lots of things to do during the summer. There are lots of places to visit in downtown Toronto, e.g. CN Tower, Royal Ontario Museum and Ontario Art Gallery, to name a few. You can check out <http://www.toronto.com> for more details on interesting attractions you can visit.
Eating in Toronto never gets bored. Because of our diverse cultures, you can easily find a good restaurant that gratifies to your cravings. Check out <http://www.torontolife.com/restaurants/> for the top restaurants in Toronto.
Visiting Toronto won't be complete without a show at our famous Theatre District or the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Art. There are different musicals, ballet, operas, and concerts going on every night. Hyatt Regency Toronto is located right in the centre of the Theatre District. This site <http://www.toronto.com/events/?type=all&tags=theatre> can help you locate a show that you love.
2014 is the year that marks our Alumni's 30th Anniversary. Some of our founding members are still very active in our events. We would love to open our arms and welcome all the Maryknollers around the world to come together to celebrate. Let's keep our Maryknoll spirit strong!
Further details of the WWR will be posted on our website in due course. Please spread the news to your classmates and reserve the dates August 1-3, 2014 in your calendar

See You in Toronto in 2014!

"Wow this is amazing!!"

"We have approximately 250 people here for this screening of Trailblazers in Habits!! We have Maryknollers from both MCS and MSS and many friends here."

Linda da Rocha Little

...and with that exclamation I welcomed our guests to the screening. I was particularly amazed by the support we got as when we considered this project we were concerned that we, your committee, would have to buy a sufficient number of tickets to cover the cost of the rental of the venue and break even. We searched for venues and I luckily managed to rent the state-of-the-art, newly constructed Centre for Creative Learning Theatre at the private school my sons' attended. It was the perfect place as the auditorium seats just under 300 people and has a lovely reception area over-looking an outdoor patio. To top it off there was free parking!

Wendy Man printed the tickets and we were off bugging everyone we knew. We called, emailed, and broadcasted the event on T.V. and in the local Chinese newspaper. Gertrude Chan definitely wins the award for best salesperson. I don't think she slept at all during the sales campaign! Wendy and Lily Yeung had a hard time keeping tabs on the cheques coming in and the tickets going out.

Patricia Wu disappeared to Hong Kong in pursuit of the film from director Nancy Tong. Meanwhile, in Mississauga, Diana Leung, her sister Elizabeth Chan with her daughter Karen Chau, Monica Tang and Pauline Shum were up to their elbows in flour madly baking hundreds of irresistible sweets for the event. I, being less domesticated, picked up the phone and ordered hundreds of delicious finger sandwiches that were beautifully displaced by my Aunt Nancy Barradas and my sisters Regina and Andrea. (Talking about not being very domesticated... my husband had to save me as I attempted to mop up the kitchen floor in my heels and dress after a fatal attempt to operate the coffee machine!)

Vivian Ng, Associate Producer of *Trailblazers in Habits* came all the way from Albany New York to attend the screening. Unfortunately Director Nancy Tong could not also join us. Fortunately though, Nancy Tong was in Florida attending the Sarasota International Film Festival where the film was being shown. Sister Jeanne and Sister Earnest also arrived in Toronto a couple of days prior to the screening courtesy of Patricia and Jacqueline Fong. Shirley Cheong kindly hosted Sister Jeanne for her entire stay in Toronto and Nancy Yeung hosted her sister Sister Earnest. During their stay there were a number of gatherings of former Maryknollers over quite a number of meals.



April 6 proved to be a perfect day. At three in the afternoon the guests started to arrive for the reception. We all had so much fun catching up with fellow Maryknollers, teachers and friends we had not seen for years...not to mention making a few new acquaintances. There was so much chatter, laughter and picture-taking in the lobby (Take a look at our website www.mcsontario.org for some of the pictures). It seemed as if the hour was just starting when Eva Wong and Judy Tong started to distribute the programmes (made possible by many generous donors) and usher us in to the theatre.

After my brief welcome to all our kind supporters, and with the lead of Wendy and Christine Cheung, we sang our Maryknoll school song from our hearts. I felt like I was back at the Ho Tung Road school auditorium as Sister Jeanne then took the stage and addressed us. We were then lucky enough to watch the second ever screening of *Trailblazers in Habits*. It was the first time I had seen the film and not only did it enlighten me about the many things the Maryknoll Sisters did in Hong Kong but it reminded me about their involvement in other causes around the world.

After a stand up and stretch moment for the audience, Vivien Ng spoke about how she got involved in the film and the countless but rewarding



hours she spent doing research for the film. Sister Jeanne and Sister Earnest then joined Vivien for a question and answer period. Jacqueline also spoke about further opportunities to support the Maryknoll Sisters and Gertrude presented a cheque for US\$20,000 to Sister Jeanne! This was only made possible through the generosity of all those who attended and many who could not attend.

To conclude the event, we watched some fun bonus clips provided by Nancy Tong, and Sister Jeanne picked the winners of the two lucky draw prizes she donated. It was truly an amazing event!

Congratulations to



Jacqueline Fong - Grandmother for the second time to twins Graydon and Wesley Taylor, born 10 mins apart, in April 2013, weighing 5 lbs. 1oz and 6 lbs. 9 oz. respectively. Can you imagine how proud Jacqueline is looking after 3 grandsons!!!

Twins Graydon & Wesley Taylor



Our Treasurer, **Patricia Wu**, has recently acquired the status of **'mother-in-law'**. Christine, daughter of Pat and Frank Wu, married David Tourle at the Hampton Court in

U.K. on May 26, 2013. The newly weds will have their home in Wimbledon thereafter

Once again, it is time for the awards to be presented to the children of our members. Students with an overall average of 80% and above in six Ontario Academic Credits are eligible to apply. The awards will be given out at the dinner on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013. Transcripts should be sent to P.O. Box 91070, 2901 Bayview Ave., North York, ON M2K 2Y6 no later than Nov. 1, For further queries, please contact Gertrude Chan at 416-496-9671.



Dinner venue, reservation and cost will be announced in the next newsletter. Please mark down the date in your calendar

The guest speaker at the dinner is **Marianne Tavares ,RSCJ** She graduated from Maryknoll Convent School in 1972, completed secretarial studies at the Hong Kong Polytechnic and worked for Jardine Matheson & Co. She left Hong Kong in 1977 to take up nursing training in London and worked as a registered nurse in the U.K. for 30 years. Marianne has a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counselling and is certified in massage therapy, aromatherapy, Reiki and hypnotherapy. She specialised in complementary therapies in palliative care in the U.K. for 10 years prior to emigrating to Canada in 2009 to help care for her elderly parents. In addition to caring for her parents she is working as Complementary Therapy Consultant at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital leading the integrated complementary therapy program at the hospital's palliative care unit and at Hill House Hospice. The team of complementary therapists provides Massage/Aromatherapy, Reiki and Therapeutic Touch™, using an integrated approach which includes engaging in psycho-

spiritual support. As a member of the interdisciplinary team, she works closely with doctors, nurses, social workers and the spiritual care team. In 2011 she published Complementary Therapy Standards with Hospice Palliative Care Ontario, and an evidence-based book, Integrating Clinical Aromatherapy in Specialist Palliative Care.

Marianne joined the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1985, an international religious order founded by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in France. She is a member of the England and Wales Province and linked to the Canadian Province while living in Canada. More information on the Society of the Sacred Heart can be found at <http://www.societysacredheart.org.uk>

While not a specialist in the care of the elderly, Marianne has worked in elder care as a nurse in the U.K. and is now learning to negotiate the Ontario health system as her parents' primary caregiver. There are similarities and differences between the English and Ontario health systems. Resources available to the different Local Health Integrated Networks (LHINs) are not equal and while organisations try to publicise their programs, there is no sure way for the information to reach all professionals, much less the patient and family. She is fortunate in that she is able to consult the doctors, nurses and social workers where she works. In Marianne's experience, the single most important thing in the care of elderly parents is being their advocate. She is happy to share her experience and what knowledge she has in this area of care with Maryknoll alumni.



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Mrs Jacqueline Fong
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April 11, 2013

My dearest Jacqueline, Eva, Gertrude, Irene, Judy, Lily, Linda, Ludia, Nena, Pat and Wendy,

Screening of Trailblazers in Habits in Toronto on Saturday, April 6, 2013

I am glad the Screening of the Trailblazers in Habits went very well and that the people enjoyed the film. Congratulations to you for a job well done! No words will be adequate enough to express our gratitude to all of you.

On behalf of the Maryknoll Sisters, I would like to thank you for raising US \$20,000 initially for us this time and the remainder yet to come. Thank you for working so hard to make this a success. We are most grateful for your time, energy and effort to do your very best for us. We appreciate your love, care and concern of the Sisters. Besides, you have made us known to the people. They, in turn, will be inspired to carry out what we have done and beyond. And they will care for us, too. We cannot imagine what wonders this ripple effect you have started will do.

Above all, we are deeply grateful to your family members, relatives and friends for the sacrifice they have made for us – husbands, children, parents, siblings, uncles, aunts, and cousins, etc. They missed you because you were somewhere else working for us and were not there for them. If they did not miss you, they are working with you for us. Please be sure to convey our deepest gratitude and love to them.

Your brochure is very attractive and informative. Every single page of your ads is to say “Thank You” to the Sisters and to the participants of this fundraising -- that is commendable! You are very thoughtful. I am so happy to know that you always try to include MSS as you realize they are part of the Maryknoll Family. To our great consolation, MSS also realizes that whether it is MSS or MCS, we are one happy family in the hearts of the Maryknoll Sisters.

We appreciate all you have done for us all these years and we are deeply indebted to you. Every day, we have never ceased to include you in our prayers and we will continue to do so.

Our prayer of gratitude for you now is “May you see in what you do the beauty of your soul and may the light of your soul bless your work with love and warmth of heart!”

Gratefully,

Sister Teresa Leung

MCS/MSS Alumnae Liaison





Directory for 8th MCS Worldwide Reunion

To help us compile the directory for the 8th MCS Worldwide Reunion, kindly provide the following information if you wish to be included in the directory. Complete the form below and send it to us at **P.O. Box 91070, 2901 Bayview Ave., North York, ON M2K 2Y6** or email us at mcswwr2014@gmail.com latest by **March 2014**.

Name _____ Last Name _____
 (Maiden Name) (Married Name)

Year (Form 5) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Date _____

Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our Maryknoll family. Anyone who had attended Maryknoll Convent School for any length of time is welcome to become a member. Just contact the committee and we'll send you the necessary forms to fill in.

- Doreen Remedios*
- Mary Wong (Tang)*
- Jenny Woo (Chen)*
- Susanna Szeto (Ng)*

We also like to extend an invitation to former students of Maryknoll Sisters' School on Blue Pool Road to join us and share in our camaraderie. Our first **Associate Member** is

Rosemary Ng (Li)

We hope to have many more joining our 8th Worldwide Reunion in August 2014 in Toronto.



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Congratulations Patricia

A Well-deserved Award!!!