

WWR Update – June 25, 2014

Toronto's summer is finally here. Flowers are blooming and the warm sunshine is upon us. We are only one month away from our Worldwide Reunion event. Our WWR committee is putting all the final touches for the big weekend. Here are the latest updates.

Registration

As of last weekend, we have 370 registered participants. We are still accepting some last minute registrations. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining us, please ask her to contact us at mcswwr2014@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake Winery Tour (August 1, 2014 Full Day)

We now have 39 people joining our pre-WWR tour. The tour bus can accommodate 50 people. If you are interested, please reserve your spot. Please check out the [itinerary](#).

WWR Celebration Mass – St. Basil's Church (August 2, 2014 3:15pm)

The WWR Celebration Mass is going to be held in the historic St. Basil's Church at 50 St. Joseph Street. The Mass is considered as Sunday Mass. We will celebrate our Maryknoll spirit together with our Sisters, teachers and fellow schoolmates. All the hymns selected are the ones we used to sing at school.

Parking

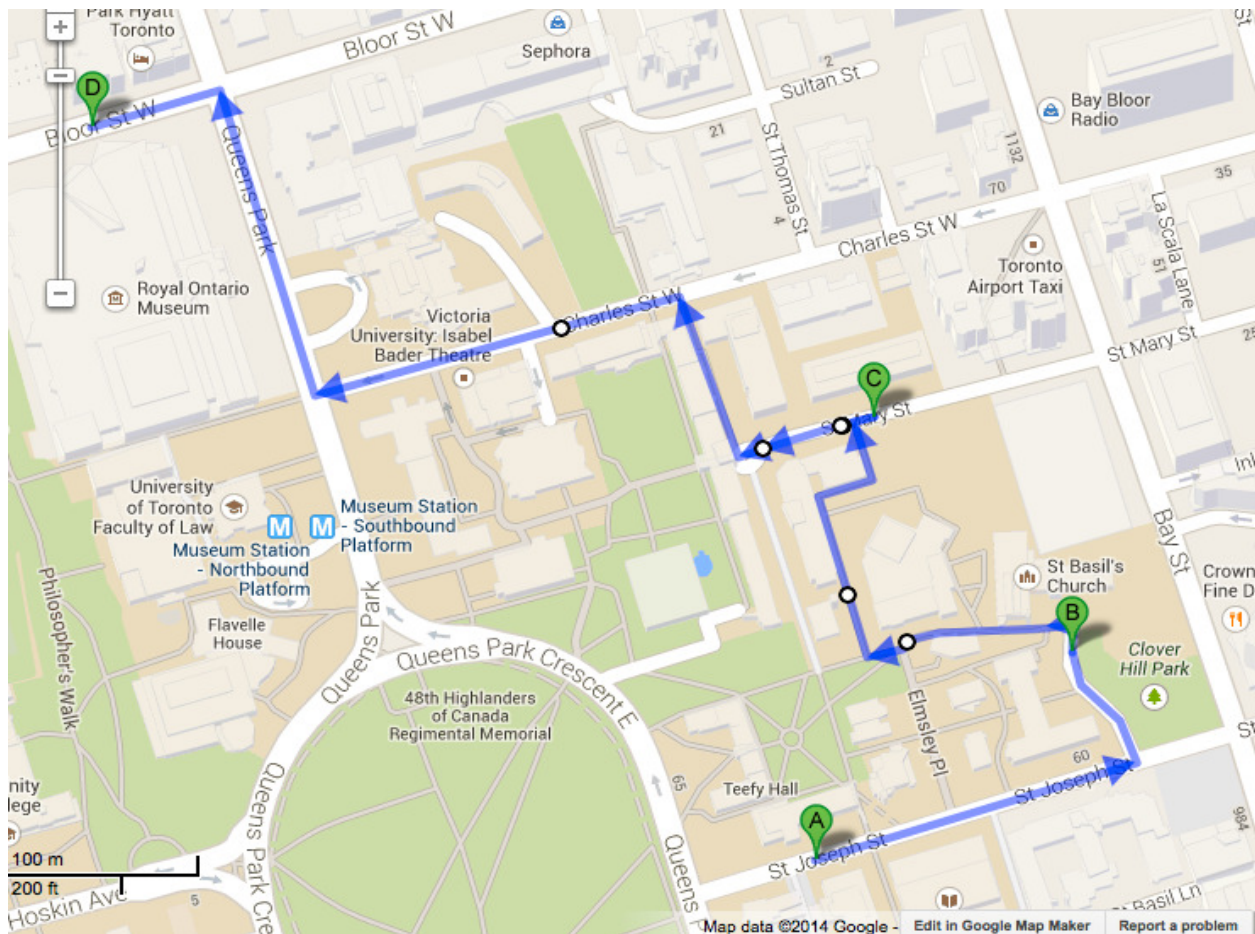
The closest pay-parking lot for St. Basil's Church is behind Alumni Hall on 121 St. Joseph Street, at the west end of St. Joseph Street, just east of Queen's Park Crescent, on the south side. The entrance to the parking lot is on the side of Alumni Hall. The parking is a \$7 flat rate for all day Saturday, from 6 am to 12 midnight. You can leave your car there until the end of the ROM evening.

Another parking lot is at 44 St. Joseph Street, located at NE corner of Bay & St. Joseph Street. The parking is a \$5 flat rate.

Refreshment – Loretto College (August 2, 2014 4:30pm)

After the Mass, we will have coffee and light refreshments at the Loretto College (courtesy of the Loretto Sisters). Loretto College is located at 70 St. Mary Street. It's a 2 minute walk from St. Basil's Church.

Here's a map of the walking directions between the parking lot, St. Basil's Church, Loretto College and the Royal Ontario Museum. All the buildings are within walking distance. You can just park your car before the Mass and pick it up after the ROM reception.



- A: Parking - located at the rear of 121 St. Joseph Street
3 min walk - head east on St. Joseph's Street towards Bay St.
- B: St. Basil's Church - 50 St. Joseph Street – Mass
2 min walk
- C: Loretto College - 70 St. Mary Street – Light Refreshments after Mass
7 min walk
- D: Royal Ontario Museum – main entrance on Bloor St. – Registration and Opening Reception

Registration and Opening Reception – Royal Ontario Museum (August 2, 2014 6:00pm)

At around 5:40pm, we will start walking from Loretto College to the Royal Ontario Museum. Doors will be open for our attendees at 6:00pm. Please enter the ROM by the Bloor Street entrance. You will receive your personalized event pass, class photo-taking time and table number for the Sunday Gala dinner. Since the ROM reception is a private event, for security reasons no-one will be admitted after 7pm.

At 7:00pm, our Worldwide Reunion chair, Linda da Rocha Little, will welcome the participants and Sister Jeanne Houlihan will make her remarks. Guided tours of the Chinese exhibition – The Forbidden City will be conducted from 7:20pm until 9:30pm. During this time, a buffet dinner will also be served in the main hall. The reception will close at 10:00pm.

Here's the dinner menu for the ROM opening reception evening.

Opening Night - ROM Menu

Hors d'oeuvre

Selection of Classic Canapés

*Brie & Raspberry, Smoked Salmon, Beef Tenderloin,
Stuffed Chicken Breast, Shrimp, Scallop, Quail Egg &
Cavier*

Asparagus Morel Vol au Vent

Thyme, Cream, Marsala

Spanakopita Triangle

Spinach, Feta, Ricotta & Herbs, Phyllo Wrap

Buffett Dinner

Warm Spinach & Mushroom Crepe

Served in a Light Cream Sauce & Topped with Cheese

Roast Beef

*Accompanied with Red Wine Reduction, Grainy Mustard
& Horseradish*

Atlantic Smoked Salmon

*With Lemon, Capers, Shaved Onions & Buttered
Pumpernickel Bread*

Grilled Vegetable Platter

Sweet Peppers, Zucchini, Eggplant and Fennel

Warm Baby New Potato Salad

With Onion, Red Wine Vinegar, Olive Oil & Parsley

Selection of Gourmet Breads with Butter

Indulgences

Pastry Selection

*Selection of
Eclairs, Chocolate Cups, Chocolate Dipped Strawberries,
Choux, Mille Feuilles, Truffles*

Summer Tarts

*Grapefruit Meringue, Chocolate Coconut, Berry Clafoutis,
Peach Melba Crumble, Lemon, Fresh Fruit, Strawberry
Rhubarb*

Cake Squares

*Carrot, Lemon Chiffon, Devil's Food, Strawberry
Shortcake, Flourless Chocolate, Hazelnut Dacquoise,
Dobos, Cheesecake*

Strawberries Drenched in Dark & White Chocolate

Gala Night – Hyatt Regency Toronto (August 3, 2014 5:00pm)

Our 8th MCS Worldwide Reunion and 30th Anniversary of MCS Former Students (Ont.) Inc. Gala dinner will be held on Sunday August 3, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Toronto (370 King Street West). Our registration starts at 5:00pm. Please remember to bring your personalized event pass with you as it is your ticket to the Gala dinner.

Parking

There are plenty of parking spaces in the underground parking at the Hyatt Regency Toronto and in neighbouring parking lots.

Class Photo

A complimentary class photo will be given to each participant. Class photo-taking sessions will start at 5:15pm promptly. Please arrive at the photo-taking area at least 10 minutes before your scheduled time. As we have many different years of girls attending, we will not wait for anyone who is late. If you miss your class photo, you will have to wait for the next Worldwide Reunion for a re-take!

Silent Auction and Souvenir Sales

At the Gala dinner, we will have silent auction tables and souvenir sales booth set up. Our Ontario Alumni past presidents have generously donated special items for the silent auction. Please remember to bring cash for the souvenirs.

Gala Dinner

The dinner will start at 7:30pm. It will be an unforgettable evening with a fantastic programme and special prize presentations.

Our dinner menu was carefully chosen by our members, Celly Kan Holbrook and Patricia Ho Wu. The committee went to Hyatt Regency on June 17 to try the tasting menu. It was really delicious.

The dinner menu is included on the next page. If you have any dietary restrictions, please advise us by email at mcswwr2014@gmail.com by July 15 and we will make our best effort to accommodate you.

The reunion will conclude with line dancing until 1:00am.

Gala Dinner Menu

Appetizer

*Carrot Apple Ginger Soup Garnished with
Candied Apple Chips*

*Quinoa Salad on a Bed of Greens with Dried
Cranberries Herb Dressing*

Main Course

*Grilled Beef Tenderloin with Roasted
Fingerling Potatoes, Green Beans, Red
Pepper and Haricot Vert Almondine,
Shiitake Jus*

Dessert

*Ricotta Cheesecake, Lemon & Orange Zest,
Anise*

*Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated
Coffee and Selection of Teas*

Donation

All the proceeds from the reunion less our expenses will be donated to the Maryknoll Motherhouse in New York. If you wish to make a further donation, we will have a box at our registration table throughout the event for donations to the Maryknoll Sisters.

- 1) For donations in US funds: Please make your cheque payable to "Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic". If you require a US donation tax receipt, please provide us with your address and email or contact telephone # in an envelope together with your cheque.
- 2) For donations in Canadian funds: Please make your cheque payable to "Maryknoll Convent Formers Students (Ont) Inc.". Our association would collect all the donations and convert them into US funds and remit the money to the Motherhouse. Please also provide your address as the Motherhouse would like to personally acknowledge your generous support.

How to contact us?

If you have any questions regarding the Worldwide Reunion, please email us at mcswwr2014@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all in August!