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Dear *Maryknollers*,

As we pause to reflect on the Birth of Jesus, we are truly humbled that God assumes humanity for each of us. Just as three wise men followed a star, each of us is following a star that promises LIFE within and beyond us. The world, including the USA, seems to be falling apart. In some places it is. We do not despair or give up because a reading of Scripture demonstrates that the life 2000 years ago is not very different from today's messy world except Jesus is present and we have HOPE.



What do you see, observe or reflect on when you are at an airport? A priest friend of mine told me about an event in JFK air terminal. He observed a young Jewish man with dreadlocks, hat, and long black coat all traditional attire. His two small sons were dressed as he. The mother held the third child, a girl. The children and parents were quiet until people came off the airplane. Suddenly the boys broke through the crowd calling "abba, abba, abba". Hugs and kisses joined their voices and the grandfather's. Father said he had a whole new understanding of abba. It is all about relationships and my understanding of God would for ever be changed.

23 years ago Rwanda experienced a massive genocide of 800,000 people. How does one survive a massacre? How does a community build itself anew? The leadership presented and mandated one day the last Saturday of each month to Uganda, which means a voluntary spirit. No taxis, no buses, no cars are on the road. All is silent. Good deeds are the goal of the day for everyone 18 years old and older. No one is exempt. The Rwandans are rebuilding their country and bringing together diverse tribes. What about each of us?

In September, Maryknoll Former Students planned a world-wide reunion in Vancouver. Maryknoll Sisters who had taught in Hong Kong were invited to cruise beautiful Alaska for 10 days. 73 Maryknollers and four Maryknoll Sisters were there to renew friendships. There were 90 other Maryknollers, who were not able to make the cruise, came to lunch with us before we embarked. Many of those that I taught are grandmothers, yet it seems like yesterday I was just beginning. I also went to California for the Development Department to thank our donors. We met with 75 people, some of whom were in my first class in 1955. I was truly blessed to have this opportunity to thank God for all that was and will be. I am back at Maryknoll working with the Director to raise funds for 2018.

Love and prayers,

Sister Jeanne Haulihan

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND JOY-FILLED NEW YEAR!



Christmas Message from the President *Wendy Man*

Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

As we gather to celebrate family during the Christmas and New Year holidays, our committee would like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

2017 passed by so quickly. We had 2 networking events this year: a bingo event in the springtime and a special presentation about the real estate market by our alumnus, Eva Wong of 1973, in the fall. Both events were well-attended, thanks to the support of our members and their families and friends.

In September, the Vancouver alumni hosted the 9th Maryknoll Worldwide Reunion. They celebrated the reunion on a 7-day Alaskan cruise. Sr. Jeanne Houlihan, Sr. Teresa Leung, Sr. Earnest Chung and Sr. Joanna Chen attended the reunion. Our committee member, Linda da Rocha, also went to Vancouver to join the event. She will give us a report on the WWR later in this newsletter.

2018 marks the end of our current term. Please mark your calendars for our biennial general meeting on October 28, 2018. As requested by our members, we will have a lunch gathering and the BGM afterwards, just like 2016.

I am honored to serve the alumni as the President for 2 consecutive terms. Our committee would love to invite our members to join us in serving our fellow Maryknollers. It is a great joy to work with other fellow Maryknollers to organize networking events, Worldwide Reunion and fund-raising dinners for our beloved members for the benefit of the Maryknoll Sisters. If you are interested in joining us to serve the committee, please contact any of us in the committee.

As Sr. Jeanne said in her Christmas message, our world faces a lot of difficulties and challenges. However, with God's grace and love and our love for one another, we can make the world a better place. Thank you to all the Maryknoll sisters and priests who sacrificed their lives to serve and educate us and around the world. May God bless you all.

Yours truly,
Wendy Man

Report of the Networking Dinner

On October 15, 2017, 29 former Maryknollers, 4 former teachers and 15 family members and friends gathered at Emperor Chinese Cuisine for our annual fall networking dinner. Before dinner started, we took a group picture for our Christmas card to the Motherhouse. Every year, we send a Christmas card to our beloved Maryknoll sisters with a donation.

After a few courses of the scrumptious dinner, our alumnus, Eva Wong Wong of 1973, started her presentation on the latest updates on the Toronto real estate market. She talked about the effect of the changes of the mortgage rule and the introduction of the foreign buyer tax on the Toronto residential real estate market. She also donated a few lucky draw prizes and gift cards to those who could answer the most questions in her quiz. We all tried our best to answer the questions. It reminded me of the good old school days. After Eva's presentation, another alumnus, Doris Wong of

1991, presented a talk on mortgages. Thank you Eva and Doris for such an informative evening. Our gathering ended with lots of catching-up and laughter.

At our next networking dinner in spring of 2018, one of our new members, **Dr. Anna Victoria Wong** of 1992, (Executive Director of the Chinese Family Services of Ontario) will highlight the family services that Ontario provides to our community.



Card specially designed for our dear Maryknoll Sisters
By Motherhouse General Mission Office in Toronto
December 2017



From All of us in Toronto



Sailing sailing Linda da Rocha Little

To Alaska with my husband Robert and Sister Jeanne Houlihan, Sister Earnest Chung, Sister Teresa Leung, Sister Joanna Chan, Bishop David Monroe, former Maryknollers, spouses and friends...

We knew our 9th Maryknoll World Wide Reunion cruise would be fantastic from the start - an outdoor lunch on the deck of the ship overlooking lovely downtown Vancouver on a perfect September day.

The main theme of the reunion was the 100th year anniversary of the apparition of our Lady in Fatima, Portugal. In commemoration of this, His Excellency Bishop Monroe opened the reunion with the blessing of a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, specially ordered for this reunion. One of our daily masses was also specifically dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. At the closing ceremony of the reunion, the statue was presented to Sister Jeanne to take back to the Motherhouse.



We were very fortunate to have Bishop Monroe say mass every morning, accompanied by the Chair of the WWR, Fernanda de Pinna Ho, on keyboard or guitar singing all those familiar hymns from Maryknoll days. I felt as if I was back in MCS. Sunday mass was also very special and since there isn't usually a Sunday mass on cruise ships, the organizing committee invited other cruise passengers to join us in prayer. We had a big congregation. I would admit however that some of daily masses were a little less well attended as some of us (yes me for one) are not early birds!

On the second day we cruised the Inside Passage between the beautiful British Columbia coast and the many B.C. islands. This was the only day when there were seminars. Sister Jeanne spoke about Mother Mary Joseph who founded the Maryknoll Sisters. Dr. Teresa Antonio Clarke spoke about her practice of providing acupuncture as part of B.C.'s leading integrative chronic diseases medical programme. We then bombarded Teresa with all sort of questions from naturopathic remedies to western prescription medicines to personal health issues. Fernanda de Pinna Ho then opened her bag of tricks and brought out all sorts of everyday items such as squeeze bottles, boiled eggs, corks, bananas, sponges, tongs etc. and showed us ingenious ways on how to make everyday chores a breeze.

Our cruise took us to three Alaskan ports, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan. Rob and I opted for the more adventurous expeditions at each port. In Juneau we did the Helicopter Glacier Trek tour. After getting on our mountaineering gear we boarded a helicopter for a scenic view of Mendenhall Glacier. Then we joined professional mountaineering guides for a two-hour trek through a glacial icescape. It was definitely not your everyday experience.

At Skagway we went on a wilderness expedition to the spectacular Davidson Glacier. Our tour started with a 75 minute high speed boat journey through North America's deepest fjord while watching for whales, seals, sea lions and bald eagles. We then crossed the forested glacial moraine in a bus, hiked a quarter mile through a forest, canoed across a glacial lake and walked another half mile to the breathtaking crystal blue glacier. As an added bonus, on our canoe trip back, we spotted a black bear and her cub strolling on a nearby beach.

In Ketchikan, Rob and I went out in our two-person Zodiac on a coastal expedition in search of wildlife including bald eagles, seals, sea lions, porpoises, sea otters, orcas and humpback whales.

After each expedition, it was so nice to get back to our Maryknoll family for an elegant dinner together and to compare notes on our tours. The evenings then ended with the nightly ship entertainment productions.

The highlight for me was our visit to Glacier Bay National Park. A park ranger boarded our ship and guided us through the bay pointing out wildlife and explaining the formation of the glaciers. I loved this part as I so fascinated while studying about glaciers in my form 7 geography class at MCS. The ship took us all the way to Margerie Glacier. While we sat on our balconies watching the glacial formations and listening to the park ranger's commentary over our TV sets, the cruise ship turned two complete 360 degrees circles to give everyone an amazing view of Margerie Glacier. We even caught the rumbling and collapse of parts of the glacier's toe.



I have been on a number of cruises but I will say that this WWR cruise is my favorite. The wildlife and glaciers were so spectacular and an experience of a lifetime. Plus, what better way to sail than with a group of friends. No matter where I wandered on the ship I kept bumping into a familiar face, a smiling Maryknoll face – someone with whom I could chat, drink a cup of tea, enjoy a show or laugh at a photo in the gallery. Congrats to the Vancouver team who put on a fabulous World Wide Reunion!!!!

Congratulations

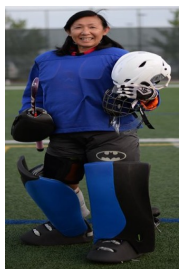


Diana Chan (Class of 1971) and Timothy Leung celebrated the marriage of their younger son, **Justin Leung to Perrine Mignot**, September 15, 2017, in Lille, north of Paris, France, where her parents live. The weather could be unpredictable, but on the wedding day, the sun came out! It was a beautiful day!

The couple met 9 years ago when Perrine went to Australia to study. Justin, fluent in French, became good friends with Perrine. Today, they live and work in Manly, Australia. Justin is a senior project manager at NexTracker, a solar energy company; Perrine is a marketing executive at Youth Hostel Australia. Both of them enjoy travelling. After their engagement in December 2015, they took 6 months off from work to travel to Cuba, Mexico, South America, Europe, and Sri Lanka.

Go Maryknollers Go

Maryknollers have come a long way in the field of sports since the 1950s. In the Sept. 2017 newsletter, we mentioned about the gold medalist in Badminton in the seniors' division held in New Zealand in April 2017. In October 2017, she has done it again, in Utah, U.S. She won Gold in both ladies' double 65+ and mixed double 65+.



Apart from Badminton, we shine in field hockey too. Our association doesn't have a team but one member of class 1978 is chosen to play for Durham Field Hockey Club ready to play in the Masters Field Hockey World Cup in Barcelona (<http://wcmasters2018.eu/>) in July-August 2018! She is now training indoor in the winter, twice a week. Tues-

days as a field player with the ladies team, and on Saturdays, as the goalie for the co-ed team,

The member is an accomplished artist as well, profiled in our April 2016 newsletter.

Hope we'll continue to get more great news of our members to share with you in our coming newsletters.

We wish all our MCS athletes GOOD HEALTH & SUCCESS in their coming endeavors. Rest assured you can count on all Maryknollers' support.

Welcome New Members



Katy Lang (Class of 1973) is no stranger to Maryknollers worldwide. While Nancy Tong (Class of 1971) was Producer & Director of the film "Trailblazers in Habits" premiered in Toronto in April 2013 to raise fund for the Maryknoll Sisters, Katy was

Warm Christmas greetings to you all. Yes, I am back to Hawaii after about six years at our Center where I was the co-director of Personnel (Maryknoll Sisters only). I had my famous right knee replacement and am now trying to do my exercises diligently.

When I returned to Hawaii, I got involved in organizing a conference with our sisters from China, Japan and the Philippines and of course Hawaii. This is the 90th anniversary of Maryknoll sisters in Hawaii as well as the Maryknoll School and we had a great celebration. I thought of you all with deep gratitude for your support and love and pray that you all will be as blessed as I am.

I had planned to get some updates on some Chaplaincy training in December but decided against it and will try out prison ministry after I get certified. The women prison here is in great need of someone to do bible study which I haven't done in a long, long time but they also have a volunteer who helps the woman inmates in growing hydroponic lettuce to sell in the farmers market. Well, I have to get certified to get into the prison anyway.

My interest is really to see if I can get into working with families who are facing loved ones with dementia or working with older religious who have gone through many transitions. I must say that I wasn't very successful in NY since "no one gets old, no one retires and we are supposed to know what to do when it happens to us" Please pray that I could be of service appropriately.

I think of you often, pray for you always and for this Christmas, may the peace and joy of Jesus be revealed in all your lives this coming year. Talking about this coming year, 2018 will be my 50th anniversary as a Maryknoll sister which means of course that I have known you all more than 50 years ago. How blessed am I.

Thanking God for all of you and wishing you every blessing,

Love and prayers,

Sr. Earnest

the Executive Producer. Recently, her family moved to Toronto and is now one of us. We wish her every happiness and success in her new home. You can be sure of her presence in many of our events.

Doris Wong (Class of 1991) a restaurateur and karaoke lounge owner, turned mortgage specialist and life insurance adviser. Her hobbies are baking, yoga, running, playing the piano and travelling. Most of all, she loves helping people to achieve their financial security.



May They Rest In Peace



Sister Mary Louise Teufel, missionary, educator and peace and justice activist, died on September 29, 2017. She was 94 years old and a Maryknoll Sister for 63 years. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 19, 1922, she had two brothers and three sisters. Mary Lou graduated from Our Lady of Angels High

School in St. Bernard, Ohio in June 1940. After graduation, she attended the University of Cincinnati but transferred to the University of Minnesota in 1943 where she obtained a Certificate in Aeronautical Engineering. In 1944-1946 she attended Ohio State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1945 and from September 1945 to June 1946 a Bachelor of Science in Education. From September 1967 to August 1968 she attended the University of Illinois and obtained a Masters of Arts in Education, majoring in Mathematics. During these years her work experience was quite varied: from 1944 to 1946 she was a Flight Research Assistant at Curtiss-Wright Aircraft Corporation in Columbus, OH; from 1946 to 1948 she taught high school Mathematics and History in Lykens, OH and then was Recreation Director in the Department of Army Special Services (USO) in Japan and Korea from 1948 to 1952.

Mary Lou entered the Maryknoll Sisters' Novitiate at Valley Park, MO from St. Clare's Parish in Cincinnati, OH on February 2, 1954. At her Reception she received the religious name Sister Maryam and made her First Profession of Vows on September 8, 1956 at Valley Park, MO. Her Final Profession was made in Hong Kong on September 8, 1962.

Her first assignment overseas was to **Maryknoll Sisters School in Hong Kong** where she taught from 1957 to 1970. On November 13, 1970 she was elected to the Maryknoll Sisters Central Governing Board at Maryknoll, NY where she served until February 2, 1975. From April 1975 to April 1976 she was involved in a special assignment to Manila in the Philippines aiding in the transfer of the Administration of Maryknoll College from the Maryknoll Sisters to a Lay Foundation and administration. At this time the name of the college was changed to Miriam Collegel. Following this she returned to Hong Kong where she worked in the Business Office of **Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital** from 1976 to 1982 and was a member of the Governing Board of the same hospital from 1976 to 1999. During this time she served as Associate Director of the Asia Center for the Progress of Peoples in Hong Kong from 1983 to 1999; as well as Editor of the Center's Publication, ASIALINK. She was Maryknoll Advisor to the Alumnae Association of the Maryknoll Sisters Secondary School in Hong Kong from 1976 to 1999.

In October 1999 Sister Mary Lou was assigned to the

Maryknoll Sisters Center at Maryknoll, NY where she joined the "Chi Rho" Community and was actively involved in Prayer Ministry for the Hong Kong Macau Region. In 2010 due to need of greater health care, she joined the Maryknoll Sisters Residential Care Unit where she died accompanied by her niece, and many of her Maryknoll Sisters.



Two former teachers who studied and taught at MCS for more than 30 years passed away peacefully in Hong Kong in 2017.



The memorial mass for **Patricia Hong** (1948 – 2017) was celebrated by her brother and reading by her sister, in St Teresa's Church, attended by her family, former students, colleagues and members of the MCS

Foundation. Patricia taught General Science, B.K., Biology and Chemistry. The Patricia Hong Scholarship has been set up in MCS for outstanding achievement in Biology and Biblical Knowledge for Form Six students. Her body was cremated and buried in Sydney, Australia.

Sophie Yang Hsu, (class of 1956), passed away peacefully with her family by her side, in Hong Kong on November 7, 2017 after a long illness of muscle degeneration. She taught B.K. and Chemistry at MCS. The wake was held on November 16, 2017 and the funeral was on November 17, 2017 at North Point Funeral Parlour. It was attended by some of her classmates, former students, and former colleagues, including Madame Lydia Hwang.



Patricia and Sophie were great friends and dedicated teachers. They will be missed by all.

May They Rest in Peace.

Lin Siu Yeung Li, **mother of Mabel Li** (Class of 1975) passed away peacefully on Oct. 12, 2017 at the age of 93 with her family by her side. She was a teacher at various elementary schools in Hong Kong and an active member of the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church. The family gives special thanks to the nurses and staff of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care (McNicol site) for providing her with great care over the years.