



# Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)

## Spring is Here



### Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

Are you looking forward to warmer weather, blooming spring flowers and birds chirping in your garden? Although it's still very cold outside, we had more sunshine and longer days in the last few days. That means spring is finally arriving. Hurray!

This year, our committee works very hard to bring you 2 events: our usual Spring networking event and our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance.

Due to popular demand, we are hosting a Bingo game and dinner at Casa de Macau on May 5, 2019. We will have 9 Bingo games in the afternoon followed by a scrumptious Chinese buffet dinner. The ticket price for members is \$40 and non-members is \$45. The venue can only host 50 people. Please register as soon as possible before the event is sold out.

2019 is our alumni's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the World-wide Reunion in downtown Toronto in 2014. I was one of the Gala chair. We had a great time together with lots of friends from around the world. This year, we plan to celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the prestigious Granite Club on September 7, 2019. You will enjoy a delicious dinner, line dancing, silent auction, and lots of great memories and laughter among friends. Please spread the news, gather your good old friends, and come celebrate this landmark anniversary with your fellow Maryknollers. A portion of the evening's surplus will benefit the Maryknoll Sisters. You will find more details on this in our events section below.

Spring brings rejuvenation and new life. Let's refresh our old friendship and make new ones by joining our upcoming events. Our committee look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Wendy Man  
President

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Please complete this form and mail it (together with your cheque) to: Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc., P.O. Box 91070, 2901 Bayview Ave., North York, ON. M2K 2Y6 latest by **April 12**. A 72 hrs. cancellation policy will comply.

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

No. attending . \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The committee has prepared for members and their friends a **Spring Bingo Games** afternoon followed by a delicious dinner. Do come and join in the fun, meet with school friends and best of all to win some prizes.

Please reply as soon as possible as the venue can only accommodate 50 people. Registration deadline is April 12. First come first served.

Date : May 5, 2019 (Sunday )

Time : 2:30 pm Registration

3:00 pm Bingo

6:00 pm Dinner

Cost : \$40 (member)

\$45 (non-member)

Venue : Casa de Macau Clubhouse

4168 Finch Ave East, PH39

Scarborough, Ont. M1S 5H6

## Memorial Mass for Miss Nancy Yu



Our beloved teacher, Miss Nancy Yu, has passed away on February 5, 2019 in London, England at the age of 86. Miss Yu taught at Maryknoll from 1960-1986. She was Vice Principal, Form 6 Homeroom teacher, Head of the History Panel as well as Moderator of the Students' Association.

The Ontario Former Students Association is preparing a Mass to celebrate the life of Miss Yu and would like to invite fellow students to attend.

**Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019**

**Time: 11 am**

**Place: St. Gabriel's Passionist Parish, 670 Sheppard Ave. East (Sheppard/Bayview) Toronto.**

## School in Hong Kong Honours Miss Nancy Yu



We are saddened with the loss of a well-respected teacher, Miss Nancy Yu, who passed away on February 5, 2019 in London at the age of 86. She taught at Maryknoll from 1960 to 1986. Besides being a F6 Homeroom Teacher, she was our Vice Principal, Head of the History Panel and Moderator of the Students' Association. In memory of our beloved teacher, Kenzie Lau (1972), Irene Li (1974) and Doris Kwan (1980) have coordinated with St Teresa's Church to arrange a memorial intention for Miss Yu during the regular mass on March 15, 2019 (Friday) at 6 pm. Miss Yu's name will be mentioned during the opening and the Eucharistic Prayer. A photo of Miss Yu and flowers will be placed at the altar. Those who'd like to pay the last respects to our dear teacher are welcome to join us at this mass. We also understand there might be alums from different classes organizing other memorial services. Please contact your fellow Maryknollers, and DO NOT call the School for details. Maryknoll Convent School Educational Trust has set up a "Miss Nancy Yu Memorial Educational and Development Fund" in her honour. We encourage donations to be made to the Fund, instead of sending any flowers to the Church. Appreciate your understanding. Please refer to <http://www.mcs.hk/trust/donate.html> for the Fund details.

**Once a Maryknoller, Forever a Maryknoller. May Miss Yu rest in peace.**

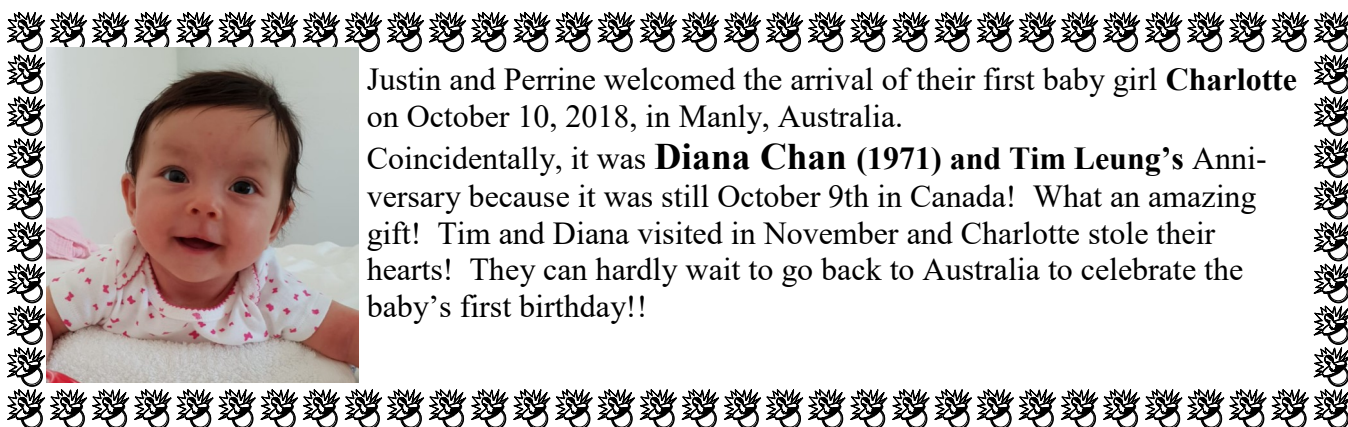


## Congratulations to the MCS Grandmothers



**Patricia Ho Wu ('71)** has just become a grandma for the third time.

Eleanor was born in London, England, on January 15, 2019 to join her sisters Madeleine (5) and Isabella (2). The Wu-Tourle household is a busy one filled with non-stop activities keeping Grandma Pat on her toes when she is visiting from Toronto.



Justin and Perrine welcomed the arrival of their first baby girl **Charlotte** on October 10, 2018, in Manly, Australia.

Coincidentally, it was **Diana Chan (1971)** and **Tim Leung's** Anniversary because it was still October 9th in Canada! What an amazing gift! Tim and Diana visited in November and Charlotte stole their hearts! They can hardly wait to go back to Australia to celebrate the baby's first birthday!!

## Masters Sports on the Rise

*Avid Golfer*


With the boomer population retiring in good health, masters sports is on its rise. Many sports now hold World Cup competitions for masters in different age groups, from over 40, 50 and even for grand masters over 60 years old. Ilenna saw it as her chance ... "Hey I'm still alive and well! It's the survivor game. Many ex-national players have recurring injuries and cannot compete anymore. If I stay fit and train hard, I have a chance."

Ilenna joined Durham Field Hockey Club in Ontario and played with ladies in their 20s and 30s. Some were ex-provincial and ex-varsity players so she got great training. The coach later included Ilenna in the club's co-ed team despite her age, and by that time she knew she was ready to apply to be on the Canada Masters Team.

Ilenna was selected as one of the two goalies for the Canadian O55 National Team competing in the Masters Hockey World Cup held in August 2018 in Spain. She was at first the reserve goalkeeper and played the second halves in games against England, Ireland and Netherlands. With her stellar performance, Ilenna was promoted to be the primary starter goalie, and played the remaining full games against New Zealand, Wales and USA.

She has also been selected as the Canadian goaltender to compete in the upcoming Masters Indoor Hockey World Cup 2019 to be held in Hong Kong. She is now training with the masters men's team as well as existing national players. "When I saw on TV the Canadian Men's Field Hockey Team play in the 2016 Olympics and 2017 PanAm Cup, I never thought I would get to train and play with some of them", Ilenna happily exclaimed, "wow! I get to train with my idols and I get to compete in masters tournaments against the world's top teams. I am so starstruck!"

"It has been an exhilarating learning experience and a dream come true" Ilenna said, "and I encourage fellow Maryknollers to pick up masters sports. Look in your community newspapers or search online. There are masters/veterans tournaments for badminton, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, swimming, tennis, track and field...just pick the sport you like. Besides making new friends and keeping fit, you have the chance to be a national player too. *It's never too late to chase your dream!*"



# *Maryknoll Convent School Former Students Ontario Association*

## *35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance*

*Come celebrate this landmark anniversary with your fellow Maryknollers.  
A portion of the evening's surplus will benefit the Maryknoll Sisters.*

**Date/Time: September 7, 2019 6pm**

**Venue: Granite Club**

**2350 Bayview Avenue, Toronto ON  
(Free parking available)**

**Ticket price: \$138 per person**

**Diamond Sponsor: \$2,500 (Centre table of 10 with the  
centre page ad)**

**Gold Sponsor: \$1,800 (Table of 10 with a full page ad)**

**Program ad: Inside front (\$300)  
Inside back (\$300)  
Full page (\$150)**

**To purchase tickets, please email us at [contactus@mcsontario.org](mailto:contactus@mcsontario.org).**



## **A Glimpse into the Daily Life of a Maryknoll Sister through the eyes of Sr. Teresa Leung - MCS graduate of class 1952**

*The Committee wasn't too knowledgeable of the setup of the Motherhouse and how and where the Sisters are located when we go to visit them in New York. Sr. Teresa Leung replied in October 2018 with the following email.*

**The Motherhouse** consists of 3 communities:

Rogers – active and semi active

Chi Rho – retired members who can still work a few hours a week or not working at all;  
and Eden – the nursing home of 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Sister Janet Hockman is in charge of the Sisters' personal needs and the Lay Administrator takes care of the medical needs of the nursing home. Sister Ann Carol is in the Assisted Living [3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the nursing home]. She fell 20 times in a month so for the last 2 years she has an aide with her 24/7. The Sister in charge takes a term of 2 years at a time.

Rogers members are usually the ones who can walk long distances. They are full time workers or part time -- from 1 hour a day or less to 3 hrs daily, Monday to Friday.

Chi Rho – retired members of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of Main Building for those who have some special needs: such as those who have a hard time walking, who need air-conditioning, who need medications given to them, laundry done for them, room cleaning, showers given to them, etc. But otherwise they are independent.

I am on Main One since 2002 because I have COPD and I need the air-conditioning, and I have a hard time walking (wearing braces for 4 years and off for another 4 years and now on again. But I take my medications myself, do my laundry and clean my own room every day and clean it thoroughly on Saturday. I take care of the maintenance and emergencies [falling, sickness, flooding, other accidents, repairs, changing light bulbs for dryer, fridge, to name a few] of my floor voluntarily at these years. I cut hair for about 50 – 70 Sisters, feed and care for Sisters in the nursing home, taking switchboard duties, etc.

I take care of about 350-400+ former students coming to visit or to stay overnight. I also receive mail, checks, gifts for other Sisters and distribute them. The girls send most of their mail to me because they know I acknowledge what comes immediately by email.

I am still working 10 hours daily including weekends and holidays. I still enjoy driving a van on a freeway with ease. My driver's license was renewed this year for another 8 years until I am 95, thank God.