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Blessed and Joyous Christmas

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As you gather together to celebrate the season I will pray with you and your families.

This virus has certainly changed all of us as

'normal' became the 'new normal'.

It is sad to see lines of adults in line for food - many for the first time. Children in every country are hungry. Yes, and we throw food away. Even our participation in Advent gave us new insights to the coming of Jesus.

"From the highways and the by-ways we gather peoples over the world as we search for the Promised One, Jesus in our daily routine. He came in a time of chaos - Palestine Rule, Roman emperor demanding a Census to give him more money. In the midst of these and other events, we find a couple Joseph and Mary travelling to Bethlehem. A child is born and we find

in our search the abounding love of God.



Greetings

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Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

2020 is coming to an end. Hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time.

2020 is a special year. One invisible virus brings the whole world to a halt. We learn to slow down and appreciate all that we have. We spend more time with our families and enjoy the beautiful weather and nature whenever possible. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with home-made meals. We become "technology pro" finding the best deals online and video calling our friends and families around the world.

At the same time, we learn to humble ourselves and let God be in control. We extend our helping hands to our neighbours and those who are in need. We express loving and caring words when we call someone who feel lonely and sad. We remain strong when we are united.

Due to the pandemic, we canceled our usual Spring networking event and postponed our Biennial General Meeting. Our committee understands that we have the responsibility to report to our members once every two years. Although we cannot get together physically, we plan to hold our first virtual BGM on February 4, 2021. Details will be available in early January. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

As our Christmas tradition, we send a Christmas card and gift to the Motherhouse to support our beloved Sisters' needs. This year, with the generous contribution from some of our members and the funds that we raised in our previous events, we are going to send US\$5,000 to the Motherhouse. Thank you very much to all who donate to the Sisters.

Christmas is around the corner. As we prepare for our special Christmas celebration, let's remember and pray for the sick and the lonely around the world during this advent season.

Wish you and your families a Joyous and Peaceful Christmas.

With warm wishes,

Wendy Man, President



**2021
NEW
YEAR**

Card specially designed for the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
By Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)
December 2020



On behalf of our members in Toronto and Ontario

*We wish all the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
A Very Merry Christmas
filled with the
Love and peace of the Infant Jesus
and A Happy New Year
Overpowering the Covid 19 pandemic;
Fortifying you with renewed strength and grace.*

BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to our inability to meet personal during this pandemic, our Association will be holding our biennial general meeting online for the first time ever. The zoom meeting will take place at **7:45 p.m. on Thursday February 4, 2021**. Notice of the BGM will be sent to all our members in early January, 2021. Each member will be required to register for the BGM and will be sent a link to join the meeting.

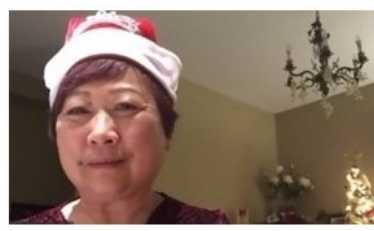
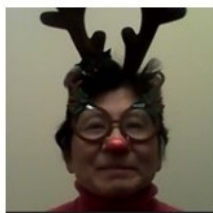
The election of your new committee will take place at the BGM. We encourage each of you to consider joining the committee. It is a wonderful way to meet other Maryknollers and help promote the Maryknoll spirit.

Christmas Card to the Sisters from Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Card size 11x8.5; top fold

Mailings from the Association

Our association is run by volunteers and as we do not collect annual dues, we try to operate as efficiently as possible. Our communications to members are now sent by

email and our newsletters are posted on our website. If you wish to receive communications and newsletters by mail, kindly send the association \$10 each year to cover the cost of printing and postage and we will be happy to mail these to you.



We wish you and your family

A Merry Christmas

Filled with love and peace and

A New Year

Renewed of hope and devoid of the pandemic.

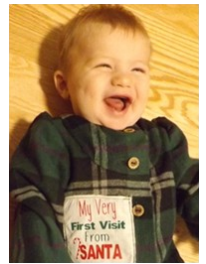
Greetings from the 3rd/4th generations of MCS



Greetings from Wimbledon, UK Izzy (3-1/2), Maddy (7) & Ellie (23 months), granddaughters of Patricia Wu '71



Baby Annika, 7 months, granddaughter of Jacqueline Fong '74 & Keng Fong, enjoying her *First Christmas*, in London, UK. Like grandma she is a connoisseur of fine food at a tender age.



Melody Rose, 3, and brother Sawyer Michael Noronha, 7 months, are the latest additions to Nena Noronha's pride and joy. Nena '60, is the proud grandmother of 6 grand children and the great-grandmother of 2. Her clan will keep growing



6 angelic grandchildren of Dr. Eric & Margaret Wong ('63) Jacob 4, Peter 1-1/2, Hannah 13, Olivia 10, Francine 6-1/2, Kirsten 9

Jacqueline Fong's ('74) little darlings are growing like weeds Twins Wesley & Graydon, both 7-1/2 are holding on Mazzy, the family dog while brother Kennedy, 9, is presenting their newly set-up X'mas tree.



Charlotte, granddaughter of Diana Leung ('71), turned two in October in Australia. She loves going to the park and beach every week.



Olivia & Stellan, 2 adorable grandchildren of Juliana ('55) & Dr. Alan Joe, send greetings from Toronto and Paris, France



Angela Lee '71, enjoys her time with her daughter Wendy's family. Wendy & Joe's family were thrilled with Angela driving all the way from Chicago to Toronto during Covid lockdown to be with Connor on his 7th birthday.

Granddaughter, Aria, 8-1/2, is holding Waffles and Connor is happily sitting on grandma's lap. Grandma is always there on Connor's birthday.



Claire, 5 grand-daughter of Winnie Wong '73, sending good wishes from Montreal.



Alicja, 2, granddaughter of Ludia Fong '71 & Dr. Jeffrey Fong, sends her happy smiles from Colorado, U.S.A.



Charlotte Yeung, 18 months, 1st grand-child of Lily Yeung '70 & Peter Yeung

Congratulations

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Our heartfelt congratulations to **Matthias Clement Tzewo** 子和, second of four sons of **Edmond and Margaret ('56) Der**, on his consecration as Bishop coadjutor at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hong Kong on Oct. 3, 2020 and to be enthroned diocesan bishop January 2, 2021. On account of the pandemic, the parents were not able to be physically present for the ceremony but were able to follow the proceeding via live-stream zoom technology. The full coverage was recorded and uploaded to You Tube, available by clicking the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUu7xffMLlw>



ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
Consecration of Bishop (3pm on 3rd October 2020)

Mouth-watering pastries Created by a professional French Pastry Chef



Joan Yeung Lee (MCS 1976) - a professional French pastry chef, passed away peacefully on Oct. 24, 2020 in Toronto, following her second heart valve replacement, surrounded by her family.

As witnessed by her elder sister Millie, who also attended MCS, Joan had a passion for the culinary arts, which awarded her international acclaim at competitions globally; She opened a Patisserie in Toronto, followed by six memorable years with her extended family at Mercato Fine Foods. Joan took pride in sharing her experience and knowledge by teaching others at her home.



Whenever we had any functions, we ordered cakes from Joan who did a fantastic job both artistically and otherwise, as witnessed in the pictures.





**YVONNE DJAO
FUNG***

趙瑛

'Twas autumn of 1939, in the city of Shanghai, China,
God created a petite-sized body with an extra large heart.
He breathed into it a beautiful soul and clicked on the button START.
And that Bundle of Joy was, none other but you, *xiao mei*, (小妹) Yvonne,
“Mewling and puking” in your mommy's arms.
In the next 8 decades you lived by the Golden Rule and that made your Creator proud.
Done unto thy neighbours your generosity and kindness spoke clear and loud.
You gave and never counted the cost.
Yet, even the smallest favour rendered to you was never forgotten nor lost.
Fame and fortune you didn't seem to treasure
But modesty and simplicity brought you much pleasure.
Dear Yvonne, we're so happy to have known you,
A friend so thoughtful and true.
Your task on earth is completely done.
A laurel wreath from God Himself you have so honourably won!
Zai jian (再見), Yvonne, fare thee well.
In our hearts you will always dwell.
Someday, “somewhere over the rainbow, way up high”,
We will meet again. Though we know not when, for sure we know why.
We love you.

By
Winnie Chan Ng (MCS 1957)
20-09-20

*The DJAO sisters attended MCS during the period 1955 – 61
Irene 1957 -59
Yvonne 1957 – 59
Stella 1959 – 60
Angela 1955 - 61