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*is God's
Gift
in saying
to us and
the world:*

I Love You Forever!

Mk Contemplative Sisters

Dear Maryknollers,

WITH ALL THE LOVE AND PRAYERS AND HUGS TO EACH AND EVERYONE.

Alleluia will certainly be sung everywhere with the pandemic slowly controlled. I thank God for all your gracious words, cards and prayers. Today is the feast of St Joseph, March 19.

Teresa of Avila said whatever she asked Joseph for, she received. I believe this because she trusted that God would give her the right words and actions. The mystics of the world share in these same ideas. Holy women and men.

Yours,

Sister Jeanne Houlihan



Greetings from the President

Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

March 2021

Hope you and your family are staying healthy and safe. Spring is around the corner. Although we are still in a semi-lockdown situation, the brighter, longer days and the vaccine rollout certainly give us hope of the reopening soon.

We recently held our first virtual Biennial General Meeting using Zoom. It was great to see our members on cameras. After the meeting, our participants shared their recent happenings and how they coped with the stay-at-home order in the last few months.

In our new 2020 – 2022 term, our committee has 11 members. Linda da Rocha and Katy Lang are not continuing for another term. Linda served in the committee since the Ontario alumni started 36 years ago. She served as the President twice and has been our legal advisor over the years. Katy joined our committee in 2018. She has a close relationship with the Sisters at the Motherhouse. During our last Motherhouse trip in 2018, she gave us guiding tours and shared stories about the sisters and their history.

We are grateful with Linda and Katy's service in our committee. Pat has kindly purchased and delivered an orchid planter to both Linda and Katy before our BGM as a token of appreciation. We know that they will both remain active in our upcoming events.

Since we cannot meet in person, we are planning to organize more virtual events for our members to stay in touch. If you have any great ideas or would like to present an interesting topic, please contact us and we can arrange for that.

Our first networking event is going to be on April 15 at 8pm. Our beloved Sister Jeanne Houlihan accepted our invitation and will join us in this virtual meeting. We can ask her questions about the Motherhouse and listen to her stories as our past Maryknoll Convent School principal and teacher.

We will send out the registration link soon. Hope you can join us.

Yours truly,

Wendy Man



MCS Former Students (Ont.) Biennial General Meeting

After postponing our biennial meeting twice last year due to Covid restrictions, it finally took place on **February 4, 2021** at 7:45 p.m. via Zoom. A total of 24 members participated. Here is a synopsis of the event.

Our President welcomed all for attending the virtual BGM. The minutes of the last BGM on October 28, 2018 was read and passed. The Treasurer presented a financial report, and concluded that the Association is in a sound financial situation. The report was adopted and passed unanimously. The Reserve Fund has increased due to money raised from the 35th Anniversary Gala. This surplus will be used for future expenses and donations related to the Motherhouse. The Secretary reported that there has been a total of 10 meetings since the last BGM up to April 2020, and an addition of 7 new members.

We hope to be able to get together for our next Bi-Annual meeting and have a scrumptious 'dim-sum' luncheon!

BGM Attendees



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| 1st row from L to R | Ludia Fong Juliana Joe Sheree Doo Angela Sun Lily Yeung |
| 2nd row | Regina da Rocha Lulu Yui Winnie Wong Katy Lang Eva Wong Alexandra Ho |
| 3rd row | Lillian Chan Rosalind Lo Ann Tung Nena Noronhna Linda da Rocha Nora Man |
| 4th Row | Gertrude Chan Wendy Man Marie Louise Chang Patricia Wu Judy Tong Irene Legay |

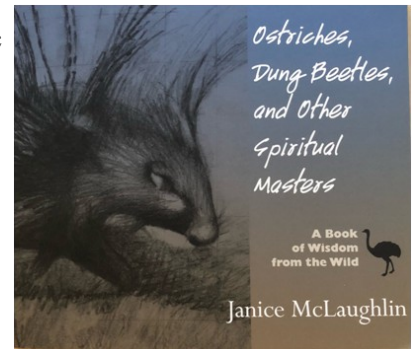
Sr. Janice McLaughlin

Pauline Shum Cheung (1971)



Most of us don't know Sr. Janice McLaughlin. She spent most of her 79 years ministering in Africa, fighting against racial inequality, injustice, human trafficking, etc. etc. etc..... Sr Janice was also once president of the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic from 2009 - 2015. Her passing on March 7, 2021 came as both sad news and an irreparable loss to me and to those who came to know her during her decades of work in Africa.

Though I have not met Sr. Janice McLaughlin in person, I have always imagined having cultivated an unspoken friendship with her, simply through reading one of her books, titled ***"Ostriches, Dung Beetles, and Other Spiritual Masters: A Book of Wisdom from the Wild."***



Ever since Sr. Jeanne sent me this wonderful book in 2013, I must have read it multiple times. I often find myself fascinated by the way Sr. Janice McLaughlin weaved her story fabric, using her amazing work experience, insights gained in unexpected encounters with locals and observations of the individual behavioural patterns of animals from the African continent in bringing out different human characteristics. Each chapter also included various Bible verses for readers to reflect on, followed by recommended actions involving soul-searching for inner peace, for moral contentment or steps to improve present situation and many more.

I feel so blessed and privileged to have read this amazing book and I sincerely entreat all Maryknollers to do the same, to further enrich yourself with this gift Sr. Janice bequeathed to us.

If anyone is interested in purchasing this book, please notify any committee member. She would be most happy to organize a group purchase through Motherhouse.



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February 8, 2021

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Dear Friends,

Blessings at this time when we recently celebrated the holiday that reminds us of the importance of love in our lives. We are grateful for your generous gift of \$4,240.00 for our Retirement Fund, that affirms the primacy of love!

Last December 2nd, in her reflections for the 40th Anniversary of the martyrdom of the four U.S. women missionaries in El Salvador in 1980, Sister Melinda Roper, MM stated: ***"Responding to suffering is at the heart of mission."*** Then as now our Sisters in many parts of the world continue to seek justice for the powerless victims of injustice, especially for women and girls who are often the most vulnerable ones in society. It is your generosity that allows us to do so. *Thank you for joining hands with us in this vital commitment.*

To give you an idea of those whose lives are changed because of your partnership with us in mission, you are invited to just look at the faces of people of all ages and many nations that appear on our website: www.maryknollsisters.org. Let their expressions convey our gratitude.

As this COVID pandemic with its economic challenges persists, we deeply appreciate the sacrifice you make to support our ministries. You are our indispensable partners in mission. Be assured that we hold you and your families and friends in a web of prayer for your continued health and safety.

*Thank you even so
much for your continued
generous spirit. And
bless you all.*

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Sr. Rosalie Lacorte
Sr. Rosalie Lacorte, MM
Development Department



Mdm. *Tsang Shek Jun Jun*, **mother** of MCS former music teacher and Girl Guider, passed away peacefully in California with **Daisy Tsang** by her bedside. Daisy has been working tirelessly with the local former MCS students with the evacuation preparation of the Monrovia Maryknoll Sisters during the wild fires in the area in 2020.

We are very happy to know that the Sisters are in very good hands and that they are all safe and sound.

Bravo girls, Maryknoll spirit is live and well. Thanks to all.

News of MCS Former Teachers

Former MCS students love to be connected to their former teachers at school. However, with the years gone by since leaving Maryknoll Convent School, we have not much close social contact with many, just a few every now and then. We would love to hear of their whereabouts and how they are getting on.

Would you remember Mrs. Rita LOO who taught many of us Chinese at school? She came to Toronto in the early 1990s and stayed in touch with us till 2020 when she left with her daughter Teresa Loo back to Shanghai, China. She keeps up contact with a few teachers and phones them every so often. She has not settled down yet, neither in Shanghai nor in Hong Kong with her younger daughter Grace Loo.

Ms Yuen Yee LUK is in Toronto and she attends our dinners and gatherings when invited. Both Ms LUK and Mrs. LOO participated in our worldwide reunion in Toronto in 2014, together with Ms Wong.



Back row – standing - from left to right

Gertrude Chan Sabrina So Edith Wong Marie Louise Rocha Chang. Margaret Lee Der Catherine Tang Marion Ho Yuen Yee Luk
Sr. Paulette Yeung Rita Chiu Loo Rose Lung Lam Marita Shek Tang

Front row – seated - from left to right

Rosalind Leung Lo Gloria Yip Ko Zella Kotala Remedios (graduate of 1951) Sr. Joan Delaney Sr. Jeanne Houlihan Sr. Earnest Chung
Nancy Chung Yeung Sr. Sandy Galazin Sr. Teresa Leung (graduate of 1952)

Absent from the picture (present at the WWR) Anita Cheong Lee Pearl Li Gunsell Rosemary Lee Ng