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Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

Greetings from all our committee members. Our committee has successfully organized two events in 2015, a Mahjong/Card Games Day in the spring and a Bingo Day and Academic Achievement Award Dinner in the fall. We had more than 70 people attending our Bingo event on November 1, 25 of which are our Alumni members. Our beloved teachers, Ms. Gertrude Chan, Mrs. Marita Tang and Ms. Yuen Yee Luk were among us. We had a great networking time and scrumptious dinner at the Mandarin Golf Club. Thank you for supporting our event. If you missed it this time, we hope to see you in our 2016 events.

This year, the AA Award was presented to Derek Chan, son of our member, Dr. Shirley Cheong and her husband Dr. Kenny Chan. Derek has achieved an average of over 90% in his six best Ontario Academic Credits. He has gone to New York University to study dentistry.

Every Christmas, we send our Maryknoll sisters at the Motherhouse in New York a beautifully designed Christmas card (created by Ms. Gertrude Chan) and a Christmas gift. This year, we are going to send around USD\$5,000, which is part of our Worldwide Reunion profits and donations we collected from our members throughout the year. Thank

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you for your generosity and your thoughtfulness. As we approach the end of 2015, our Committee

As we approach the end of 2015, our Committee wishes you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Yours truly,

Wendy Man, President



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Christmas card for the Maryknoll Sisters, signed by the Toronto members who were present at the Bingo dinner night -Nov. 1, 2015

More pictures of the dinner are

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Dear Maryknollers,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Leslie Mancuso, Development Director for the Maryknoll Sisters, and it is my utmost pleasure to personally thank you for your love and generosity toward our most beloved Maryknoll Sisters. We are so fortunate to have such a compassionate group of Alumnae committed to the support of our wonderful Sisters.

It is a true blessing to know we can always rely on your kindness. Because of you, our Window Renovations Campaign was an extreme success and we more than met our financial goal. We were able to complete the window installation project, ensuring a more comfortable, energy efficient Motherhouse, and your overwhelming generosity has resulted in funds to spare!

We take great care to spend your very generous donations judiciously. It is for this reason I ask if you would be willing to let us use the surplus to fund other much needed repairs to the Motherhouse. Your efforts do so much for the Sisters and a reallocation of your recent donations will allow us to do even more.

I believe it is important to show you how much goodness your financial support provides the Sisters. Attached is a link to a video showing the bathroom renovations due to your kind generosity and the wonderful new windows, there is also a special message from Sister Jeanne Houlihan. This video is for your eyes only not to be shared or posted on Social media.

Most importantly, we can never say thank you enough. Please know that you are loved and appreciated by all of us here at Maryknoll. On your next visit to the Motherhouse, please feel free to stop by my office or email or call me anytime. I would welcome your visit. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this request please let me know.

Again thank you so much for all you do for the Sisters. We are so blessed to be in each others' lives.

Most sincerely, Love and prayers,

Leslie

Sr. Jeanne Houlihan

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P.S. To watch the video of Sr. Jeanne Houlihan and the "Windows Project", please click the windows image.







Wendy Man, graduate of 1988, has finally achieved her Chartered Financial Analyst designation. After three long years of hard work and dedication, she passed all 3 levels of the CFA exam and is now a CFA Charter-holder. The CFA designation is a globally recognized programme and promotes comprehensive and rigorous investment management, research analysis and high ethical standards. Wendy is a Certified Financial Planner, who joined her parents' business in 2006 and now helps serve their clients as well as building her own client base. She is the daughter of Nora Ho, graduate of 1966, sister of Michelle Man, graduate of 1991 and mother of a lovely 14-year-old daughter, Denise Lee.. Picture depicts *Shirley Cheong* ('81) accepting the Academic Award for her son *Derek, Chan*.

Our Grand-parent members



Winnie ('73) & Daniel Wong

First grand-child, Claire Emmanuelle Arcouette, born on Oct. 19, 2015 in Montreal.

Proud parents are Vikki and Frederic Arcouette.

Juliana ('55) & Alan Joe

Stellan Joe Kirk-Jensen, age 8 grade 3, getting ready his artwork for Halloween. He lives in Paris, France, speaks English, French and little Danish and Chinese. He is a mischievous and



handsome little rascal.



Olivia R. Joe, age 3 speaks English and understands Korean.

Mildred ('62) & William Sum

Johnathan Paulus - 9 yrs. old **Peter Joseph** - 6 yrs. **Gianna Maria Teresa** - 4 yrs.

They are God's greatest gifts to me and my husband. We cannot ask for more. They fill our days with happiness and surprises. Johnathan 正義, 淳品, 易教. Peter 創新, 多辯駁, 富 有同情心. Gianna is our pre-



cious gem and will shortly be her brothers' 管家婆. It would be nice if she is the firstborn, then it would have made it easier for all of us as she would take charge of her brothers and we would not have to 勞氣. Our whole house comes alive after school when all of the them are gathered at our place for homework, baths, piano practices, dinner and stories of what happened at school that day before retiring to their own home for the night. We are truly blessed and I wish this kind of happiness for everyone. This is something wealth cannot buy and I thank God for the gift of a wonderful daughter who loves us dearly and made all this possible ****

Margaret (`63) **L Eric Wong's** Grand-children, pictures taken at 2015 Halloween



The Pirate Family Kristen 4; Francine 21 months



The Little Princess Hannah 8



Kristen 4 Hannah 8 Olivia 5



Four "Little Women" of the WONG FAMILY Hannah 8 Olivia 5 Kristen 4 Baby Francine 21 months



Welcome to Arica's Treehouse in Hillsborough, Ontario

I love playing in the tree-house my Daddy (Eugene, son of *Winnie* ('57) *& Hok Nam Ng*) built for me for my Birthday, complete with windows and furniture

for parties with my buddies in the summer. I am the Guard of my own castle. Do visit me when you have time and I

can make cookies to serve you for tea.

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Clark Pun (潘釗民) is the first grand child of *Marilyn Hall*

('71). He is just one and resides in Hong Kong with parents Kenny and Maggie. This Christmas will be very special for Clark as he will be

taking his first plane ride back to Toronto and have his first white X'mas. (Top secret : Grandma Marilyn and Auntie Michelle will make a trip to Hong Kong to assist mommy Maggie for this trans-Pacific venture!)

Welcome New Member

e extend our warmest welcome to Estella Tam Lau (1965)

to join our family. She retired after working in Ottawa for many years and we look forward to having her participate in all our events as she is now settling in Toronto.