

Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)



President's Greetings

by Wendy Man

Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

With a blink of an eye, we are close to the end of 2023. On behalf of our committee, I wish you and your family a Healthy, Joyous and Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Earlier in the Spring, we had a Bingo event at the Casa de Macau. Our event was SOLD OUT!! We had 37 members with 13 non-members joining the game and dinner. Among the attendees, we had a few former teachers in our midst: Mrs. Marie Louise Rocha Chang, Mrs. Marita Tang, and Mrs. Anita Cheong Lee. We had 9 Bingo games in total and 16 winners sharing the prizes. After the games, we had a scrumptious dinner and great networking time. We also raised almost \$500 from our MCS souvenir sales. These are the items donated by the New York Maryknoll alumni and funds raised were given to the Motherhouse for the caring of the elderly sisters. At the end of the event, our stomachs and shopping bags were all filled with food and souvenirs. Some even took home enough leftovers for another meal. We had such a great time.

In 2024, our association will celebrate our 40th anniversary. We are planning to have a celebration dinner and gala, like the one in 2019 when we celebrated our 35th anniversary. We will send you a "Mark Your Calendar" note when we have more details on our celebration. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Every Christmas, we send our beloved Sisters at the Motherhouse a Christmas card with a small cash gift. This year, we plan to send USD \$5,000 to the Motherhouse for the care of the Sisters' well-being. These are funds that we raised through our previous events and donations from our members. Thank you for your continued support to the Sisters.

As Christmas gets closer, let's remember and pray for those who are less fortunate and those who are suffering in the war. May God's peace and blessings be with you and your loved ones.

With warm wishes,

Wendy Man
President



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Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those
on whom his favor rests -- Luke 2:14

Dear Maryknollers,

Christmas is coming fast and I have been meditating on the quote from Mother Mary Joseph, our Foundress, 1933. I find it very inspiring and applicable to our daily life of today so I would like to share it with you!

“With empty hands but grateful heart...I earnestly beg the Christ Child to transform into a
golden gift my Christmas wish for you –
a vision of God that shall make you eager
to guide others to the place of vision;
a vision of yourself that shall give you a charity for the weakness of others;
a vision of others that shall reveal to you their virtues more than their faults;
a vision of life that shall make you eager to work,
willing to endure, patient in waiting,
a master of self, and a servant of all.”
Mother Mary Joseph 1933

*On behalf of the Maryknoll Sisters, I would like to take this opportunity to thank
all of you for your love, concern, and care especially your constant support of
prayers and donations.*

*We hold you dearly in our hearts and in our prayers of gratitude to God for you!
Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and your families and a Happy New Year!*

Yours most gratefully,

Sister Teresa Leung

Alumnae Liaison

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Dear Maryknoll Convent Former Students Ontario, Inc.,

As we continue to enjoy the summer days and bright evening hours we thank you for your generous response of \$6,800.00 to our annual raffle. This gift brings a "light" of a different kind, a new call button system that will make such a difference for our frail elderly Sisters.

In addition to making your gracious contribution, we hope that you will attend our annual Fall Festival here at Maryknoll on September 30th. After a three year pause because of COVID, we are so happy to once again have this opportunity to meet you, our faithful partners in mission.

You, your family and friends are held in the grateful prayers of Maryknoll Sisters everywhere. We deeply appreciate the care and the sacrifice your kind gift represents. As you extend your hands to support us, may you be richly blessed in return.

*Thank you ever
so much for your faithful
support of us. Pat and Wendy's
presence at our festival were
a great example for the Maryknoll College, Philippines
Alumni - who promised to also come next year and
have a booth like Wendy + Pat.*

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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THANK YOU!!!

Class of 1973 Reunion in Hong Kong



1973-2023

Class reunions are special and on Nov 29, 2023, 37 of us made it for our 50th anniversary in Hong Kong. Organized by a group of amazing classmates, “The Magnificent 7”, we were treated to good food and wine at a private venue. Laughter and tears of joy were shared watching specially prepared videos of our past and taking photos of the present with a beautiful backdrop of the school we love. To make the event even more special, we visited MCS and feeling blessed to be walking down memory lane together. (Submitted by Winnie Wong '73)



Ice cream treat at Halloween for the Sisters at Motherhouse

by Patricia Ho Wu '71

During our September stay at Maryknoll Motherhouse, Wendy and I got some first-hand experience about life of the Sisters.



We found out that supper is at noon and dinner starts at 4:30 p.m. So supper is always the main meal of the day. For Friday's dinner and Sunday's supper, the highlight is ice cream for dessert and the Sisters loved it.

One day, when Wendy and I checked out an Asian food market, to our delight, we discovered Magnolia Macapuno (coconut) ice cream which used to be my favourite when I resided in Hong Kong. I then started to ponder if we could add the coconut ice cream as another choice flavour for the Sisters as a special treat. We first started with getting clearance from the food service manager who was very supportive of our idea. She felt that anything that could bring happiness to the Sisters, she would support. As Toronto is so far away, we couldn't do this task on our own. With the help of a 1971 classmate who resides in Flushing, she was able to connect with the supplier of the Magnolia Ice Cream. Two cartons of coconut ice cream (12 tubs) were delivered to her home and she then delivered them to the kitchen at Motherhouse.

Sister Teresa advised us that our ice cream should best be served on Sunday and we decided on Sunday, October 31, Halloween Day. She sent out messages to the Sisters regarding this special treat from Toronto Alumni. The Sisters had a good time. The Filipina Sisters were especially touched with our gift because the coconut ice cream had reminded them a taste of their homeland.

With such positive reviews, we plan to do it again in the spring.



MEMBERS NEWS



Jacqueline Lam Fong '74 happily welcomed her grandkid # 6. Lilian-Hart (Si Laam) Driver, a healthy little princess, 7lb 7 oz, first-born to parents Lesley and Tim, arrived on October 29, 2023, at Sheffield Hospital, UK. Congratulations again, Jacqueline! Your family will keep on growing.



Anita Cheong Lee '74 with grandson Aiden Lee Meade was born on October, 2023 as well! He is going to experience his first Christmas with proud parents Karen and Matthew and Great Grandma Annie.



During my recent trip to Hong Kong, together with my classmate Ann Chow from San Francisco, we were happy to meet Mrs. Rita Loo over lunch. Mrs. Rita Loo was our Chinese language teacher at MCS. She used to reside in Toronto but decided to move back to Hong Kong as she was alone in Toronto after the passing of her husband. She is now 91, in good health but requires assistance in walking. She has a maid looking after her daily needs. Her daughter works in China and she is able to visit Mrs. Loo every week. (Submitted by Eva Wong '73)