



# Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)

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## *A Noisy But Joyfully Noisy Weekend*

Many thanks to the over 400 Maryknollers – Sisters, teachers and former students – who came to Toronto on a sunny long August weekend to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> MCS Worldwide Reunion and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ontario Former Students’ Association. Our organizing committee was overjoyed to see the participants arrive at our host hotel, the Hyatt in downtown Toronto. The hotel lobby was filled with cheers of excitement as Maryknollers greeted classmates they had not seen in years. That noise continued for days!



On Saturday, most graduating years started the reunion with lunch organized by their class rep at a restaurant near St. Basil Church on Bay Street. The dim sum restaurant I was in was filled with at least a 100 Maryknollers and it was noisy!

At 3 p.m. we all gathered in the church – not in silence but again in happy joyful noise. As soon as the mass dedicated to our celebration started, we actually quieted down as we were all brought back to those days many years ago when we celebrated the Eucharist together in Kowloon Tong. Many Maryknollers participated in the readings and processional. Michelle Man led us through hymns I have not heard since my days in MCS such as Of My Hands, Joy is Like The Rain, and It’s a Long Road to Freedom. The full details of the Mass Programme can be found by clicking [www.mcsontario.org](http://www.mcsontario.org)

After mass we followed the noise and walked five minutes to a reception hosted by the Sisters of Loretto College. The intention was to allow everyone to have a little rest before the next event. Instead the atmosphere was one of much excitement and much happy noise.

At 5:30 we all moved in yet another noisy procession to a private event at the Royal Ontario Museum – a place of much pride for us Ontarians – both architecturally and for the treasures it holds. Light refreshments were served and we were free to roam around the main exhibits for the first hour. Then there was actually silence in the room as I welcomed Sr. Jeanne Houlihan, Sr. Joan Delaney, Sr. Earnest Chung, Sr. Teresa Leung, Sr. Paulette Yeung, Sr. Sandy Galazin, former teachers and fellow former students and presented our hard working committee. Marion Ho, a former teacher at MCS and a docent at the ROM then spoke about a very special exhibit– the Forbidden City – a stunning collection of over two hundred treasures from Beijing’s Palace Museum brought to Toronto to celebrate the ROM’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We were then lucky enough to get private tours of this exhibit. We were also treated to a very elegant buffet dinner over which we chatted, took pictures and made more noise!

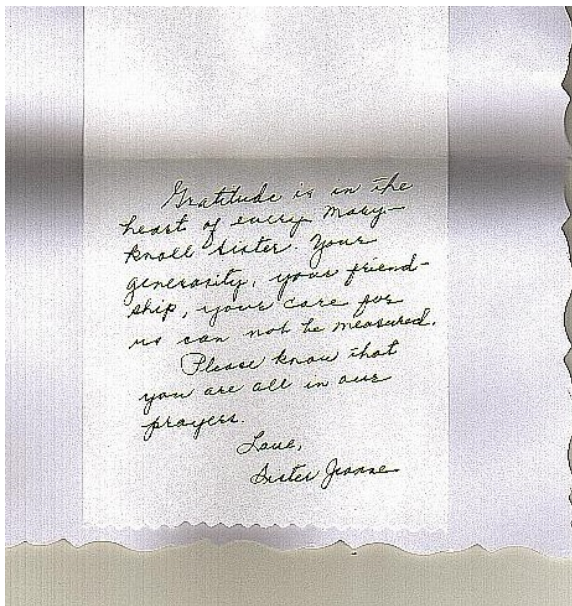
Our gala event took place on Sunday in the entire second floor of our host hotel. We started off in one ballroom with a reception, class photos, a silent auction and of



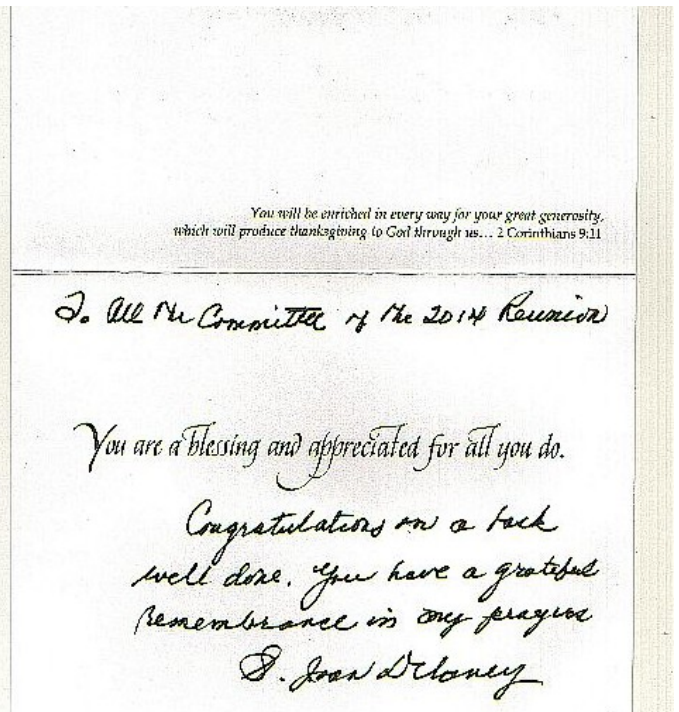
course much chatter. We then moved to the other ballroom for a very delicious dinner, a bag of MCS memorabilia and entertainment which included speeches from our president and first president, slide shows, cake cutting, prize presentations, a gift to the Motherhouse and.... a fashion show modeled by Maryknollers! *Many more pictures of the 8th Reunion can be found by visiting our website at [www.mcsontario.org](http://www.mcsontario.org)*

Sadly, our four years of working together as your reunion committee has ended. We have however been rewarded by the many wonderful comments we have received. Thanks! And now for some peace and quiet!! *Linda da Rocha*

## Thanks and Appreciation



We've received many notes of thanks and appreciation from the reunion attendees. Here we just include the correspondence from Sr. Jeanne, Sr. Joan Delaney and



Letter from Sr. Teresa Leung (Sept. 14, 2014)

Dear Jacqueline and the Committee Members of MCS Former Students (Ont.),

**RE: MCS 8th Worldwide Reunion & the 30th Anniversary of the MCS Former Students (Ont) Inc**

Congratulations to you on your 30th Anniversary! Imagine, you have been bonded together in friendship and in activities all these 30 years!

Due to your ability of working together as a team, the celebrations were very smoothly carried out and were most enjoyable.

The celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy was well prepared. The angelic voice of the choir chosen from among the former students was inspirational and conducive to worship.

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# Welcome New Members

We are very happy to extend our warmest welcome to the following new members:

- Marion Ho** (former teacher of MCS)
- Winnie Ng** Class of 1974
- Jessica Kwok** 2003
- Sandra Wong** 1968
- Doris Chan Au** 1976
- Eva Lam Cheung** 1971
- Theresa Yeung** 1967
- Vanessa Li** 1982
- Doreen Remedios** 1964
- Ella Wong Chiang** 1991

We love to have many more Maryknollers join our family. Application forms for Members and Associate Members can be found by clicking

<http://www.mcsontario.org/index.php/membership>

## Biennial General Meeting & AAwards

Circle **Nov. 28, 2014** on your calendars. We will be holding our BGM at Shiso Tree Cafe, 3100 Steeles Ave. E. Markham, ON. Registration is at 6 pm. with the distribution of the 2014 membership directory. Appetizer (sushi & sashimi) is served at 6.30 pm. The BGM is at 7 pm. followed by dinner at 7.30 pm. (pasta, dessert, coffee/tea). The \$30 dinner is only open to members and is subsidized (our cost is \$60). Please note that as we have to commit numbers to the café. We would expect you to honour your commitment plus the subsidy (total of \$60) if you do not cancel before Nov. 24, 2014. The café can accommodate maximum 65 people. It will be first come first served. There is ample free parking space at the site.

Your Checklist for the BGM:

- Notify us of your change of address, email, telephone for the 2014 Membership Directory by Oct. 27
- Look out for our official BGM package in your mail in late October.
- Apply for the AA Award by Nov. 7.
- Fill out the BGM registration form and send it to us before Nov. 7.
- If you have to cancel your registration do so by Nov. 24 to avoid paying \$60.
- Come and have fun on Nov. 28!!!



Diana Wong and Annette Chan-Norris had a very nice lunch and visit with Srs. Teresa, Joan, and the birthday girl, Sr. Miriam Xavier who turned 101

two weeks ago. Diana bought a delicious cake and Sr. MX even had two pieces.

She is as sharp and funny as ever and enjoyed the company.

*Happy Belated Birthday, Sr. Miriam Xavier.*



This year the **A. A. Award** will be presented at our BGM. It will be awarded to any member's child who graduated in 2014 and attained an average of 80% or higher in his/her six best Ontario Academic Credits. Any member who wishes to apply for the award must mail a copy of her child's official transcript to the postal address of the association by Nov. 7, 2014. The recipient or one of the parents must attend the presentation and will be asked to say a few words about the recipient. For more information about the AAA please refer to the March 2012 newsletter.

## Dinner Reply Form

Member's Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make the cheque of \$30.00 payable to:  
**Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc.**  
and send it to **P.O. Box 91070, 2901 Bayview Ave., North York, ON M2K 2Y6 no later than Nov. 14, 2014.**

Earlier this year, a smart and caring pharmacist, **SELINA Chan-Ying**, (MCS 1976), uncovered the case of a housekeeper who defrauded her 94-year-old employer, Norma Marshall of Thorncliffe Park, Toronto, of her life savings and even moved into the apartment with her husband and two children. Norma Marshall began her ordeal almost four years ago, when she changed her housekeeper after her previous caretaker left. The new housekeeper, Vera Nunes, started cleaning her house, then offered to cook for Norma so that she did not need to rely on the 'Meals on Wheels' program catered for seniors and handicapped. Later, as she gained more confidence from her employer, Vera got more involved in her employer's daily activities, even access to her bank account. The situation continued until one day Firoz Jogiat, who had been delivering medication to Norma every week for the past 10 years, found an unfamiliar man answering the door. Although the person claimed to be a family friend of the elderly lady, Firoz remembered that Norma had mentioned in the past that she only had one relative living in Montreal. A week later, on delivery again, Firoz found the man acting strangely so he requested to see Norma, whom he found was confined to a small room, looking very scared and confused when he tried to make conversation. Back at the pharmacy, Firoz told **Selina Chan-Ying**, who felt that this was not a simple case. She notified the Police. Vera Nunes, 32, and her husband Luis Serpa Da Conceicao Santos, 38, both of Toronto, were arrested and charged with fraud and misconduct as well as unlawful dwelling. Thanks to Selina, Norma Marshall has regained her home, security and freedom.



(Selina Chan (girl dressed in white) with her classmates at the 8th MCS WWR in Aug. 2014)

*Irene Legay*

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You were geniuses to figure out how to move a group of over 400 so smoothly. For instance, every participant was presented with a card which served not only as a pass to the Royal Ontario Museum and the Gala Dinner, but also indicated when to have the class photo taken and which table was assigned to the participant and even as a ticket for beverages. The idea of taking a tour of the Forbidden City in the Royal Toronto Museum was wonderful. It was very informative and interesting. Having a buffet dinner and the tour in the museum simultaneously was another great idea. It helped greatly to ease the congestion and participants could have a delicious meal scheduled for the ending of the day. Needless to say that the Gala Dinner was scrumptious and the entertainments were enjoyable. Above all, it gave an opportunity for friends to have some quality time to renew their friendship. Transportation was well provided. The Sisters were most grateful for the transportation and hospitality received. Your fund-raising for the retired Sister-Teachers was so successful that the result was beyond anyone's expectation. You have raised a total of US \$60,000+. On behalf of the Sisters, I sincerely thank you, your families, donors and participants and all those working behind the scenes. The whole celebration was simply successful. It was due to your hard work and creative planning for years and your generosity of writing off a lot of the expenses. We, Sisters, were speechless when we witnessed your deep loyalty to us, your sense of service to us and to the society in general, your spirit of joyfully working together so well, and your caring and concern for one another. As always, our most sincere prayers of gratitude will accompany you in your life journey. May God continue to bless every one of you – enriching and enlivening your life, enabling you to grow and glow with God's radiance of love, and guiding you to creatively stretch your horizon of hopes and dreams for the future.

*Sister Teresa Leung*

Sister Teresa Leung, MM, MCS & MSS Alumnae Liaison  
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## Trailblazer now on TV

Our member Nancy Tong, director of Trailblazers in Habit, has been very busy adapting the movie for television. It has now been accepted by ABC and is scheduled to be aired on over 200 ABC stations in the United States from September 28 to November 27. You might be able to catch it here in Toronto on a Buffalo station.