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A message from Sister Jeanne...

Dear Maryknollers,

In early July, I announced the formation of the Maryknoll Family Worldwide Network. We hope the inauguration of this newsletter will serve as a bridge to connect all Maryknollers living around the world. This newsletter will help us to learn from each other, share our experiences and keep in touch with the latest news from the Sisters Center. Thank you to two of our former students, Moira Richards Conzelman and Magdalen Yum, who have graciously agreed to represent MCS and MSS. We would love to hear from you and please write in to share with us news from your part of the world. And be sure to pass along the newsletter to your classmates who are not yet in our database.

*With much love,
Sister Jeanne*

August Activities

The Maryknoll Foundation Council announced the newly appointed Supervisors for the Primary and Secondary Schools. A party was held for outgoing officers which included Mrs. Helen Yu (Supervisor of Primary Section), Dr. Maria Lee (Supervisor of Secondary Section), Dr. Kenzie Lau (Deputy Supervisor of Secondary Section). Incoming officers are Miss Amy Ho (Supervisor of Primary Section), Miss Ophelia Ngan (Supervisor of Secondary Section), Miss Doris Kwan (Deputy Supervisor of Secondary Section).



Dr Kenzie Lau, Miss Melaine Lee (Principal Secondary Section), Dr Maria Lee, Miss Ophelia Ngan



Melaine Lee (Principal Secondary Section), Maria Lee, Ophelia Ngan, Mrs Helen Yu, Amy Ho, Miss Doris Yuen (Principal Primary Section)

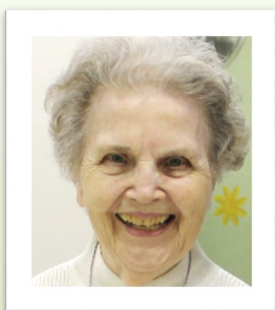


Congratulations Graduates! The MCS Secondary students celebrated the Graduation of Class of 2018. The commencement speaker was Dr. Joseph Lee. We wish our graduates every success in their endeavors and encourage them to follow their dreams! The Primary School graduation ceremony was held on July 6 and the commencement speech was given by Carrie Lam Cheng, Chief Executive of Hong Kong.



Carrie Lam Cheng

Class of '68 50th Reunion



Dear Maryknollers,

We recently bid a very fond farewell to 15 MCS secondary students and three teachers. The Maryknoll Spirit was fully present during their ten-day visit. The Maryknoll spirit trickles down from all our graduates, who are always there to support our needs. We are so grateful to the Class of '68 in celebrating their 50th reunion by remembering us with contributions collected from classmates in Canada, Hong Kong, USA and elsewhere. Thank you for all that you are and do for all the Maryknoll Sisters. May you have another 50 years to celebrate.

With much love, Sister Jeanne

Young Maryknollers bring fun and laughter to Sisters Center during their August 10 - 19 visit. Fifteen of our young Maryknollers from Form 5 and 6 (coming school year), accompanied by Winnie Fung and two other teachers from Hong Kong made a 10-day visit to Maryknoll Sisters Center in New York. They were hosted by Sister Jeanne and warmly welcomed upon their arrival.

They visited many exciting and historic sights in New York City during their stay and attended Mass at the Church of the Assumption where the priest had met the student group who came in 2016. On their last evening the students performed a cultural show to entertain the Sisters. They opened their act with a rap song introduction followed by the appropriately named song "Getting To Know You", beautifully sung in their lovely angelic voices. The Sisters responded by singing along! The one-hour program consisted of skits, singing, dancing and poetry reading in many languages: Chinese, Japanese, English, Italian, French and Spanish! The students will be submitting their write-ups and photos when they get home which will be posted in our next newsletter.



A Summer Birthday party was held on August 15 to celebrate our Sisters whose birthdays are in July and August. Hosted by Moira Richards Conzelman and Tania Chen Souza (MCS Class of '67) the eight celebrants were joined by Sisters from the China Missioners Group, the Maryknoll Sisters Leadership Team, Maryknoll Fathers Sullivan and Cioppa (both fluent Cantonese speakers who had worked in Hong Kong for a combined career of over 100 years!,) the 15 young Maryknollers and their three teacher/guardians were invited to the party to celebrate the Sisters' joint birthdays. A fabulous time was had by all, from the 15 year-old students to 104 year-old Sisters! Our birthday celebrants are:

Sr. Janet Carroll - July 22
 Sr. Corinne Rost - July 29 - 101 years old!!!
 Sr. Ruth Marie O'Donnell - August 2
 Sr. Helene O'Sullivan - August 11
 Sr. Paulita Hoffmann - August 13 - 104 years old!!!
 Sr. Joanna Chan - August 14
 Sr. Helen Kenny - August 30
 Sr. Maria Rickelman - August 31



Sister Joanna arranging food on the buffet table.



Moira Richards Conzelman Class of '67 from San Francisco, Sister Betty Ann Maheu, Pauline and Anthony Choi from Toronto



Sister Norma Pocasangre visits with Maryknoll students.



Sisters Marilu Limgenco, Esther Warioba and Susan Glass are joined by young Maryknollers.



Tania Chen Souza, Class of '67 from Connecticut and her Coco, the Sisters' favorite pet visitor.

September Activities



The Gateway to the World Gala is just a few weeks away!

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year to raise funds for the Maryknoll Sisters mission work here and around the world. The gala will be held on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 7:00pm at historic Ellis Island in New York Harbor. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the website: maryknollsisters.org/gala



Sister Earnest Chung celebrates her golden jubilee on Sunday, September 16 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center. Our fellow Maryknoller, Class of '62, she returned to MCS to teach science. After joining the Maryknoll Sisters in 1968, she was assigned to Hawaii and later to the Sisters Center in New York. Sister Earnest has recently returned to Hawaii to do pastoral work with seniors as well as prison ministry.

Message from Sister Earnest:

Please let me know how many of the former students can come for the September 16th Jubilee celebration at 10:30 a.m. and stay for lunch. If you need to stay at the Center before or after or in between please let me know as soon as possible since there are eight jubilarians in our 1968 group with our family and friends. You are of course welcome to a celebration in Hawaii on September 29th too. Please RSVP to echung@mksisters.org

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 29, 2018

11am - 4pm

**Maryknoll Sisters Center
Ossining, New York**

The Fall Festival held on the grounds of the Sisters Center is a country fair with fun activities for children and adults. There are vendors selling arts and crafts, food, jewelry, handicrafts made by Sisters, as well as unique, one-of-a-kind international goods brought back from the Sisters' missions. There will be live entertainment too!

We hope you can join us for this fun-filled day!



Maryknollers Around the World

To kick off our **Maryknollers Around the World** section, we are proud to introduce two of our graduates from MCS and MSS, Judge Julie Tang and Judge Lillian Sing, our celebrity judges whose careers were widely covered in the news in San Francisco and overseas.



Lillian Kwok Sing MCS 1960

Lillian attended Maryknoll Convent School and completed her high school at Beverly Hills High in 1960. She obtained her Bachelor of Science from Occidental College and Master in Social Work from Columbia University 1966, and Juris Doctor degree from UC Hastings class of 1975. She was appointed to the bench by Governor Jerry Brown in 1986.

Lillian is the first Asian female judge to be elected to the bench in Northern California and served in every division of the SF Superior Court. She is one of a kind who set the example for the Bench of compassion, dignity, and willingness to open to new ways of achieving justice.

She is known as a trailblazer, devoted community leader and mentor, who sought to speak and teach jurists throughout the United States as well as Asia and other countries.

She founded and launched San Francisco's award-winning Drug Court, the Chinese for Affirmative Action Group, the Asian American Bar Association and the Rape of Nanking Redress Coalition. She also served as Advising Judge to the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, Juvenile Study Delegation.

She has received numerous awards as the Civil Rights 2001 Award from the Organization of Chinese Americans, Profile of Excellence Award from the American Broadcasting Communications, Women who could be President Award from the League of Women Voters, to name a few.

Her recent achievement was having the statue of Hak-Soon-Kim, one of the thousands of comfort women who were victims of sexual violence enslaved by the Japanese during the Second World War, erected in San Francisco.

What is the significance of Maryknoll Sisters' education to you?

Maryknoll education provided me with the academic and social tools to become what I am today. Sister Jean Houlihan is my role model. She represents everything that Maryknoll education stands for. She was in her twenties when she came to HK. She was pretty, smart, funny, and full of energy. She was strong, courageous, and never afraid to speak her mind. She was different and she stood out as a leader. I wanted to be just like her. I emulate her life's work by becoming a Judge, really a public servant, with a strong commitment to serve others, a passion to promote social justice, courage to fight for what is right and against what is wrong. She instilled in me moral values that have carried me throughout my life. My proudest achievement is that I am being true to myself and my commitment to service and having the compass always pointing north, the Maryknoll Sisters."



What message will you give to the Maryknoll Family Worldwide Network members?

Maryknollers are a very privileged group of women. We were given the best philosophy of education and had great women as role models. My message is follow Maryknoll's motto, "Noblesse Oblige", that is "to whom much is given, much is expected." We are destined to become global leaders in different capacities and carry on the Maryknoll mission of helping and developing a better society and world.

Julie Tang MSS 1966

Julie spent 25 years as a Judge of the San Francisco Superior Court and 8 years as an Assistant District Attorney for San Francisco. Upon her retirement, she co-founded a movement for justice for the “Comfort Women”, sex slaves of the Japanese military during World War II. Together with retired Judge Lillian Sing, also a Maryknoller, and a group of peace activists, she helped build a memorial to the “Comfort Women” victims in San Francisco, USA.

Judge Tang was the architect of the Domestic Violence Court of San Francisco that was launched in San Francisco in 1997 and received an award of Judicial Distinction from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

She has received numerous awards and commendations including an induction into the LEOP Hall of Fame of the Hastings College of the Law, and was a recipient of the Joe Morozumi Award for Exceptional Legal Advocacy from the San Francisco Asian American Bar Association in 2016.

Before her judgeship, and while working as an Assistant District Attorney for San Francisco, Judge Tang served 9 years on the San Francisco Community College Board and was elected three times as its president.

In the 1990's, Julie also proudly served two terms as President of the Maryknoll Alumnae Association of California in San Francisco.

Julie was in MSS Class of 1966. She later received her JD degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, an M.A. degree from Stanford University, and B.A. degree from the University of San Francisco. She resides in San Francisco.



What is the significance of Maryknoll Sisters' education to you?

I attended Maryknoll Sister School in Hong Kong from Primary to High School graduation (1966). I received a liberal education that doesn't coerce learning by memory or regurgitation. What I received was an excellent English-Chinese bilingual education fostered in a progressive atmosphere for learning and personal development. At Maryknoll, there was tolerance and acceptance, especially for teenage foibles. I would not have been the community leader that I became had I felt any kind of oppression for my outspokenness in class. In fact, the encouragement and support to be honest and passionate about social issues from Maryknoll was the guiding post for much of my life work as a Judge, and later, as a peace activist for justice and peace.

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We are very fortunate to be a part of the Maryknoll worldwide network of sharing and giving. This network is a continuation of the work of the Maryknoll nuns who devoted their lives to spreading a message of peace and love through Maryknoll. Much of who we are today is because of them, and they have passed the torch to us. It is now our responsibility to give back to society and community. This is the least we can do.

The MFWN Newsletters are for internal circulation for MCS MSS alums only. Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. To add or remove a name from our mailing list or to submit stories and photos, please email Leslie Mancuso, Development Director, alum@mksisters.org