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A Christmas message from Sister Jeanne...

Dear Maryknollers,

The Christmas crib: how many times have we stopped and prayed, "thank you, Jesus, Mary and Joseph" or just stood in wonderment of that moment? We realize the mystery of each person is before us. As Thomas Merton said "I am the image of God. Love is the reason for my existence. Love is my true identity." God is love so I am love. Rest there and be with the mystery of who God is and who I am.

The Holy Season beckons us to gratitude for our family and friends. Know that you will be remembered in our Christmas Novena and I pray you remember me in your prayers.

*With much love,
Sister Jeanne*



Gateway to the World Gala, Ellis Island, New York City

On Friday, September 7, 2018 a Gala Dinner and Fundraiser was held to benefit Maryknoll Sisters global mission. Historic Ellis Island in New York City harbor was opened only to Maryknoll guests attending the benefit that evening.



The Gala benefit began with a tour around the Statue of Liberty by ferry.



A champagne and cocktail reception was held outdoors on the sweeping front lawn of the Immigration Museum with the illuminated Statue of Liberty and Manhattan skyline for a stunning backdrop as the sun set.



Sister Claudette showcased Maryknoll's global mission in 28 countries with a video presentation.



The dinner was held in the Grand Hall of the Immigration Museum, followed by an auction with enthusiastic response by majority of the guests and ended with dancing to a live DJ!



The Maryknoll Sisters Foundation Award was presented to the O'Neal Family for their many generations of support of Maryknoll through the Cymaron Foundation.

Two awards were presented to dedicated friends of Maryknoll whose long-time support has helped make the Sisters' mission work possible.



Paula Carvey and her husband, Dana Carvey, comedian and Hollywood actor, received the Maryknoll Sisters Partners in Mission Award. The Carveys have been long time supporters of Maryknoll since their first visit to Maryknoll mission in Tanzania when Paula was a teenager.

Paula Carvey video Dana Carvey video 1 Dana Carvey video 2



The benefit was a success and everyone was grateful for all the love and support by so many. Due to the overwhelming generosity from the many donors who responded to our outreach efforts for this Gala Fundraiser, we were able to raise \$900,882! We could not have done any of this without you. Together we will continue to make **GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE** and support our Sisters in mission and ministry.

Fall Festival, Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, New York



On a beautiful sunny Fall day, Saturday, September 29, 2018, the second annual Maryknoll Sisters Fall Festival was held on the grounds of the Sisters Center. Vendors' stalls offered all kinds of arts and crafts, handmade jewelry, books, and food trucks provided cuisine from Greece, Mexico and all-time favorites like hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream.

Maryknoll Sisters set up several stalls selling raffle tickets and goods brought back from their missions all over the world. There were carvings of indigenous wood from Africa and the Philippines; weavings, toys, embroidered clothing, bags, household goods from Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, China, Cambodia, and India – a most interesting international bazaar!



A special thank you to our Maryknollers from Maryknoll Convent School Hong Kong who donated many of their products beautifully embossed with our MCS logos – handbags, T-shirts, Maryknoll Cookbook, towels, shopping bags, stationery and paintings from Maria Lee, retired MCS Supervisor.

Sister Earnest Chung's Golden Jubilee celebration was held on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Sister Earnest, our fellow MCS graduate, returned to Maryknoll to celebrate her Golden Jubilee. She attended Northcote Teachers Training College and taught at MCS for four years before entering Maryknoll congregation in 1968. Sister Earnest was assigned to Hawaii from 1970 where her ministry was in social work and the elderly. She was reassigned to Hawaii in 2017 after her recent return to work in Maryknoll.



Sister Joanna Chan was recently inducted into the Museum of the City of New York, New York at Its Core, 400 Years of NYC, Permanent Exhibit. She was also the recipient of the OCA-WHV Dynamic Achiever award for her extraordinary contributions in her profession and community from the OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates Westchester Hudson Valley Chapter.

Sister Joanna entered Maryknoll in 1964 after teaching at Maryknoll Convent School. She graduated from Chung Chi College of the Chinese University of Hong Kong with B.A. in Mathematics and Teachers College of Columbia University with M.A., M.Ed. and Ed. D. Degrees.

Sister Joanna's first assignment was to Transfiguration Church in New York City's Chinatown. She co-founded the Four Seas Players and Yangtze Repertory Theater of America in New York City. In 1993 she was named an honoree of the All-Star Salute to Chinese American Pioneers of the City of New York and on July 9, 1993 the day was named "Joanna Chan Day" in the City of New York.

Besides being a renowned playwright and theater director in New York and Hong Kong, she is an accomplished painter and her work has been exhibited in New York.



OCA Award Dinner. Seated: Moira Richards Conzelman, host of the dinner; Wendy Segal, Tania Chen Souza and Sr. Betty Ann Maheu. Standing: Sr. Jeanne Houlihan, Marian Young, Sr. Joanna Chan (OCA Dynamic Achiever awardee), Helen Wong and Sr. Nonie Gutzler (President of Maryknoll Sisters Congregation), Daniel Souza.

Sister Joanna has just completed an 8-volume collection of her plays.

[link to collection](#)

Sister Joanna New York at It's Core

[New York at It's Core video](#)

Sister Joanna Dateline Story Innocence Project

[link to Dateline story](#)

Maryknoll Alumnae News

The Toronto Maryknoll alumnae delegation of 18 visited the Sisters Center on September 14 to 16 and celebrated Sister Earnest's Golden Jubilee. On their arrival, the Toronto delegation hosted a Chinese dinner for the Sisters from the China Missioner Group. They attended Sisters' Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass and the luncheon for friends and family.



MCS MSS Alumnae Association of New York announces the upcoming WWR will be held in New York City on August 6 to 8, 2021. Information on reunion reception and dinner, optional activities including Maryknoll Sisters Center visit and hotel reservation suggestions will be announced as soon as they are finalized on a dedicated website. Please save the dates on your calendar. We look forward to a fabulous global reunion with alumna in New York City. From Co-Presidents: Hedy Matteson and Diana Wong.

IN LOVING MEMORY

It is with much sadness that we announce the death of three of our Sisters from the China Missioner Group.

Sister Joan Toomey passed away on September 18, 2018 at age 84. She was a Maryknoll Sister for 66 years. In 1986 Sister Joan was assigned to the Hong Kong/Macau region where she studied Language and Culture and taught from 1989 to 1991. From 1989 to 1995 she was Coordinator of the Maryknoll Sisters Regional Team and Board Member of Maryknoll Convent School Educational Trust where she served until 2002. Sister Joan Toomey video

Sister Barbara Ann Walenty died on October 24 2018 at 90 after serving 61 years as a Maryknoll Sister. Sister Barbara made her Final Profession of Vows on August 22, 1965 in Hong Kong. Her first overseas assignment was to Hong Kong in 1963. On arrival, she studied Cantonese and worked in Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital in Wong Tai Sin. From 1970 to 72 she served in the hospital as Clinical Instructor, Supervisor of the Student Nurse hostel and established the Student Nursing Program. In 1973 she returned to New York and was assigned to Boston Chinatown, New York City Chinatown and Chicago Chinatown as teacher and medical caregiver for Chinese immigrants until 2014 when she retired to Maryknoll Sisters Center. Sister Barbara Ann Walenty video

Sister Doretta Leonard passed away November 27, 2018. Maryknoll Father Jack Sullivan gave a wonderful homily at her Mass, having known her well and worked with her in Hong Kong, taking care of refugees streaming in from the Mainland. Sister Doretta was a Maryknoll Sister for 73 years and lived and worked in Hong Kong for 52 years. She entered Maryknoll in 1945 and made her Final Profession of Vows in China on March 7, 1951. In 1948, Sister Doretta received her first oversea assignment to Wuzhou, Guangxi Province, not knowing she would be caught up in the political change in China during the Communist takeover. After months of house arrest, she was released to Hong Kong where she continued her pastoral ministry and teaching until 1977. In 1992, she returned to her pastoral ministry, visiting the sick and elderly in Macau and Hong Kong. She retired to Maryknoll Sisters Center in 2005.

Sister Doretta Leonard video

Maryknollers Around the World

Moira Richards Conzelman, MCS Class of '67 and Magdalen Yum, MSS Class of '76, our MCS and MSS alumnae representatives for Maryknoll Family Worldwide Network, retired recently from serving as Co-Presidents of the Maryknoll Alumnae Association of Northern California. Under their leadership, they hosted many Maryknoll events including the very successful premiere of the Maryknoll Sisters' documentary Trailblazers in Habits in San Francisco and the Maryknoll World Wide Reunion in 2007 where Magdalen was the Co-President of the reunion featuring a cruise to Mexico.

To help realize Sister Jeanne's vision to bring Maryknollers closer to the Sisters Center in New York, they are available to answer alumnae questions and assist in alumnae affairs. With their many years of experience and continuous contacts and visits to Maryknoll, they will work to strengthen our ties to Maryknoll Sisters Center and foster stronger bonds among Maryknollers.



Moira Richards Conzelman

MCS Class of 1967

I was born in Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong and attended Maryknoll Convent School Primary and Secondary schools until my family immigrated to San Francisco in 1966. We settled initially in Palo Alto then moved to San Jose, CA.

At Maryknoll, Sister Corinne was my Primary School principal and Sister Jeanne was my Religious Studies teacher who later became Secondary School Supervisor. Sisters Corinne and Marie Ann were my music teachers. Their love of music taught me appreciation for music which led to my love for opera, enriching my life until today.

I joined Pacific Telephone in 1968 and, together with AT&T, have worked for these two companies for 32 years until my retirement in 2000. I was one of the first female technicians in a central office in San Jose in the early 1970's.

I have kept in touch with most of the Maryknoll Sisters who taught me in Hong Kong and are now living at the Motherhouse in Ossining as well as my classmates around the globe. I have been active in the Maryknoll Alumnae Association of Northern CA for many years and served as Co-President with Maggie Yum last term.

My husband Bruce and I founded Harmonique Wine in 2002 and purchased what is now Conzelman Vineyards, in the Anderson Valley of Mendocino Wine Country in California, in 2007. We grow Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes and make wine under our Harmonique brand.

Maryknollers Around the World...con't.

Magdalen Yum

MSS Class of 1976

I was born and raised in Hong Kong, and attended Maryknoll Sisters School for both my primary and secondary education. I graduated from Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines with a degree in Business Management. There, I adopted my nickname, Maggie.

I married my husband, King Fai Pang, in 1989 and we immigrated to San Francisco's Bay Area in 1991. I am a wealth management banker by profession. I have been active in Maryknoll Alumnae Association of Northern California and have served several terms as Co-President together with MCS presidents.

Sister Margaret Shepherd has been and will be my life coach forever. Her words and inspirations still inspire me even though she is now with the Lord. Her critical thinking class has been the most beneficial to me in my personal life and business career. My love for Literature also comes from her; and I became a drama producer in Hong Kong, working there from 1983-1990. I produced almost 30 plays while working in my banking job before immigrating to the United States.

I am a founding director of the Dui Hua Foundation in San Francisco whose mission is advancing rights through dialogue. Sister Margaret's passion and concern for prisoners is instrumental to my participation in the Dui Hua Foundation where prisoners' rights and justice of the law are our mission.

My philanthropy work was also spearheaded by Sister Margaret. She thought I did not have enough things to do in my first job and got me working with Father Sean Burke at Caritas in Kowloon Bay one evening per week. I was there to write letters in English, apparently more effectively than others, to the Housing Authority to raise housing issues for people living in government estates. The exposure was most rewarding.

Although Sister Marylou Teufel was not my teacher in school, we worked closely in alumnae coordination after the Maryknoll Sisters turned over MSS to the Columbian sisters. I am very inspired by her intelligence and no-nonsense character. Her involvement in the Center for Progress of People also paved the way for my concern for human rights. I am most impressed and amused that she carried a screw driver in her handbag her influence on me will be forever.

UPCOMING EVENT

The Maryknoll Sisters present Music for the World every Spring, a benefit concert to aid the Sisters Global Outreach Mission on behalf of the world's poor. The upcoming 2019 13th annual concert features the Hudson Valley Symphonic Wind Ensemble to be held at the Main Chapel at Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, New York.



Any alum news you would like to share with our fellow Maryknollers in our MFWN Newsletter, please send to Chelsea Waller, Communications Manager, at cwaller@mksisters.org.

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