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A message from Sister Jeanne...



*Dear Maryknollers,
As Hong Kong goes
through a very difficult
time, what will it take to
restore peace and order?*

*We are praying that love
and understanding will
heal the divide of society.*

*Love and prayers,
Sister Jeanne*

Maryknoll Sisters Center News

Sister Antoinette Gutzler, MM

Sister Antoinette Gutzler, President of Maryknoll Sisters Congregation, named to the honor roll of Archways, the Magazine of the Archdiocese of New York.



Sister Nonie, as her friends affectionately call her, joins an outstanding and influential group of women comprising religious sisters, lay leaders, educators and healers, administrators and communicators, women leaders recognized by the Archdiocese of New York. Their example of prayer and action lead us to a future of our faith carrying out Jesus' ministries.

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SR. ANTOINETTE GUTZLER, MM

President, Maryknoll Sisters, Ossining



The mission of the Maryknoll Sisters is a response to the Gospel, to be in service to the poor and marginalized of the world. Though we began in the U.S., from the beginning women of other cultures have joined us. This is something that we have to contribute in a world that is very fragmented: to live in a community that is very intercultural.

I entered Maryknoll in 1964, when I was 18. I studied for a bachelor's degree in theology, then in 1971 I went to Tanzania. After studying Swahili, I taught religion in high school and worked with young students. In 1978 I was assigned to Taiwan. I studied Mandarin and Taiwanese and became director of the Solidarity Young Workers Center

in Kaohsiung. I got to know the lives of the workers from the inside. One of the most exciting aspects was helping young women workers, asking, "What are your dreams, and how can you awaken to what you are as women?"

Right now, religious life is on the brink of a paradigm shift. As we Maryknoll Sisters moved out of more traditional work in schools and hospitals, we became more engaged with the marginalized. Where are those to whom no one wants to minister? That's where we find our call.

It's important to realize that women are not only part of the Church, but an indispensable part. If we look back at the epistles of Paul, we find him acknowledging women as his co-workers in Christ. That is our inheritance – a discipleship of equals – an inheritance that has become forgotten! As a woman religious with a doctorate in theology, I have a voice that other women are denied. We need to join the voices of all women to bring a new vitality into the life of the Church.

In the Church of the future, the laity – both women and men – will be a more dominant force. I see seeds of hope for the flourishing of the Gospel in communities where people long for a deepening of spirituality and see the link between spirituality and service. In this, I believe the role of religious sisters will still be vital.

Sister Nonie, as President, leads the Sisters Leadership Team that sets the immediate and future plans for the Congregation.

Looking to the future, Sr. Nonie says that although there is a decline in the numbers of women and men deciding for a religious vocation, there is no decline in the search for a deeper spirituality and, for some, the desire to live this out in community. A new innovation, called the meeting of the nuns and the "nones" (those with no specific religious affiliation), invites both groups to meet together for mentoring and dialogue. The "nones" are longing to meet with women who have highly developed spiritual lives. If we can link their desire for service with the desire for spirituality that underlies it, we will have the beginnings of a revitalized Church and religious life.

In addition, Maryknoll Lay Missioners, an affiliate of Maryknoll, offers Catholics who are interested in serving people in poor countries an opportunity to give by dedicating a few years of their lives working in missions in Africa, Asia and the Americas as lay missioners.

A DIFFERENT VOCATION

While religious vocations among young American women have declined, a small but growing number of millennial women are showing signs of interest in leading a spiritual life in community – and they have been turning to Catholic sisters for mentoring and dialogue. Some have even decided to try living in Catholic convents for months at a time as part of a program known as Nuns and Nones.

"The meeting of the minds between nuns and 'nones' could be the seed of something that will sprout within the Church," says Sr. Antoinette Gutzler, MM, referring to this growing phenomenon of get-togethers between religious sisters and millennial women, many of whom follow no formal religion. "The 'nones' are longing to meet with women who have highly developed spiritual lives. This could become a way for the Church to evolve."

Sr. Gutzler sees a great hope in the community instincts of these young women. "There's a tremendous desire for service," she observes, "whether it's conserving the environment or helping the poor in various parts of the world. If we can link this with the desire for spirituality that underlies it, then I think we have the beginnings of a revitalized Church."

Maryknoll Sisters Center News, continued.

Sister Helene O'Sullivan

After entering the Maryknoll Sisters in 1962, Sister Helene's first assignment was to teach in Hong Kong. While she was learning Cantonese and teaching at Maryknoll, she also found time to do pastoral work with the poor. In addition to her pastoral work, she joined Action for Reachout, a group of women engaged in outreach ministry to help poor women who were addicted to drugs or working in the sex industry. She realized that to help these marginalized women was to first restore their human dignity and to create options where "Creating options together brings hope, and hope heralds the coming of the reign of God."

With her commitment to social changes, Sister Helene co-founded the Hong Kong Center for the Progress of Peoples, a research and action center for social issues.

From 1980 to 1997, Sister returned to work in Maryknoll Sisters Center, El Salvador, Rome, then lastly in Hong Kong. In 1997, Sister was elected President of the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation where she served for a term of six years.

In 2004, Sister Helene returned to Cambodia. In 2007 Sister attended a United Nations meeting promoting the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination and Violence against the Girl Child, which affirmed her calling to work with under-privileged girls.

In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, she saw the problems facing young girls living in poverty and under exploitation. With her astute observation of the situation, and experience in finding a solution, she founded Horizons Vocational Training Institute, Training for a Better Future. It is a comprehensive program where girls are given an education and a home to live in safety. Most are from abused homes or exploited. For the first time in their young lives, they are given care and support to build their confidence and embrace their own self-worth. To rehabilitate these young girls, Sister assembled a group of committed social workers who eventually gained the confidence of these exploited girls who now have someone they can turn to and trust.

In five and a half years, Sister has assisted 91 girls. Her success rate is close to 100%, an amazing accomplishment. In another of Sister's astute observations, she saw opportunities for employment as the tourist industry was just taking off. After two years of education and studying English, young girls were given training in jobs in the hotel industry.



Horizons Project PDF

If you wish to participate in Sister Helene's successful project and sponsor one of the young girls, you can make a contribution to the Maryknoll Sisters Center and write "Contribution designated for Sr. Helene O'Sullivan's project in Cambodia."

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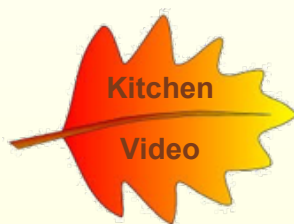
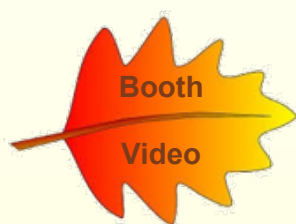
Yours in Christ,
Moirá Conzelman

Maryknoll Sisters Center Annual Fall Festival.

Saturday, September 29, 2019

The much anticipated Maryknoll Sisters Fall Festival arrived on a beautiful sunny fall day. This is the third year of the country fair to fundraise for our retired Sisters returning from their overseas missions. Sisters brought back all kinds of handicrafts, artwork, clothing and Christmas decorations from China, Africa and Latin America. Retired Sisters residing at the Center also made arts and crafts for sale.

Maryknoll bakery booth selling the famous Maryknoll coffee cakes, pumpkin and apple pies, sticky buns, Irish soda bread... are always a sellout! Moira Richards Conzelman (MCS Class of '67), visiting from San Francisco, was given personal tour of the newly renovated kitchen the day before the fair. Moira took us behind the scenes to see how raw ingredients were turned into scrumptious breads and cakes. Like magic, they appeared stacked and displayed in Maryknoll Bakery booth the next morning!



Yummy assortment of baked goods by our own talented baker Edie.



Sister Rosalie with the winning raffle tickets, which included donors from Florida, New Jersey and Illinois.

Maryknoll Sisters Center News, continued.

Besides the bake sale, there was a Maryknoll booth dedicated to selling Maryknoll merchandise—porcelain mugs, insulated travel mugs, t-shirts, fleece jackets and other items with the Maryknoll logo. The booth was manned by Chelsea Lopez, Communications Manager from the Development Office.



To purchase these or other Maryknoll Sisters items please visit:



Chelsea Lopez, Communications Manager,
Maryknoll Development Office.



Scene of different booths from local dealers.

Maryknoll Sisters Center News, continued.



Sisters Katrina, Jeanne, Anne Marie and Arlene at the International Booth.



Sister Betty Ann working behind the China Booth.



Vivien Ng Class of '67, came to help man the International Booth with Sister Anne Marie.

Maryknoll Sisters Center News, continued.



Top photo, left to right:
Mary Ng MCS '71, Sister Jeanne, Anne Kong MCS'71
and Lora Ho MCS '98

Bottom photo
Mary, Lora and Anne





From left Jane with Moira, Tania and Vivien from MCS Class of '67 at the China Booth.



Arts and crafts from South American, where many Maryknoll Sisters are missioned.



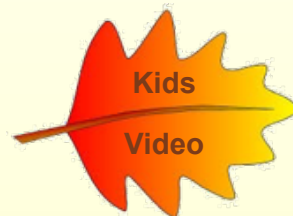
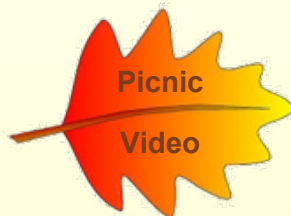
Items from Africa, with Srs. Mercy, Rebecca, and Katie.



Sister Ellen sells goods in the Latin America Booth.



Picnic tables and play area for children were set up in the garden. Entertainment was provided by DJs from local music station.



In loving memory...

Maryknoll Sister Marie Corinne Rost passed away on September 1st, 2019 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Maryknoll, NY. She was a Maryknoll Sister for 82 years and had just celebrated her remarkable 102nd birthday in July!

A vesper was held at the chapel for Sister Corinne where Sister Jeanne read her letter of appreciation for Sister Corinne, echoing fond memories of many of her students she had taught both in MSS and MCS over her career.



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September 6, 2019

Dear Sisters, Family and Friends,

"I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, shall live. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do You believe this?" She said to Him, "I believe that you are the Messiah the child of God."

John 11:25

Sister Corinne passed from death to new life on September 1, 2019 at 9:51 a.m. in our Maryknoll Sisters Center. She was 102 years old and Maryknoll Sister for 82 years.

She was the first daughter of Euphemia Dudenhoeffer and Louis Henry Rost born July 29, 1917. Her three brothers John, Maryknoll Father Louis, Joseph and two sisters Cay Mueller and Bernice Eggen have predeceased her.

Marie Corinne was baptized Anna Maria at Immaculate Conception Church in Jefferson City, MO on July 31, 1917. She attended and completed the ten years of the parish school, then transferred to St. Peter's High School and graduated in 1935. She attended Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchinson, KS for two years before entering Maryknoll in 1937. It was during this period of her education, that she discovered her talent and love for music.

At her reception she received the name Marie Corinne. Her First Profession of Vows was on January 6, 1940 at the Motherhouse and Final Vows on January 6, 1943 at San Juan Bautista, CA which was her first assignment.



Sister Marie Corinne Rost
1917 - 2019

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In loving memory, continued.

She received a Bachelor of Music Degree with a Minor in piano from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, NYC in 1942. Her joy and knowledge of music would be part of every mission assignment. In 1945 she was assigned to San Juan Bautista, CA a small mission station, as the choir director. In the same year she moved to Los Angeles where she worked in a home for oriental children. During World War II she also taught release-time religion classes.

In 1946 she was assigned to Hong Kong and taught religion and music and gave piano lessons at Maryknoll Convent School. Playing *Peter and the Wolf*, she introduced 10, 11 and 12 year olds to the various instruments of the orchestra. She also created an orchestra notebook with pictures and explanations of every instrument. Some of the former students still have the notebook. Her appreciation of and ability in music was passed on to many students. One of her students upon learning of her death wrote, "I am saddened with the news of Sr. Corinne's passing and know she is in God's hands. She taught me Music Appreciation and voice and to sing God's Praises!

In 1953 she became principal and supervisor of one session of the Maryknoll Convent Primary School and supervisor of the afternoon session until she reached the age of 60, the mandatory retirement age in Hong Kong. She then taught release-time religion as director of volunteers in St. Joseph's Parish in Hong Kong.

In 1983 she returned to the Maryknoll Sisters Center, Maryknoll, NY and gave Congregational Service in the Research and Planning Department. In 1996 she officially retired to the Maryknoll Sisters Retirement Home in Monrovia, CA.

In 2008 she returned to the Maryknoll Sisters Center, NY. There she became a member of the Maryknoll Residential Care Unit. Ever a missionary she chose the Sudan as her prayer ministry. We welcome Father Michael Duggan, MM who will preside at Sr. Marie Corinne's Mass of Resurrection.

In Our Lady of Maryknoll,



Sr. Jeanne Houlihan, MM
Community Member

To view Sister Corrine's obituary and video, please visit:

Condolences may be sent to: Marybeth Ries
53 Bella Vista Avenue
San Anselmo, CA 94960



**Sister Corrine's
Birthday PDF**

Credit: Thank you to Maureen Luk, MCS Class of '67 for compiling the e-Album, celebrating Sister Corinne's life long dedication to Maryknoll students.

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In loving memory, continued.



Maryknoll Alumnae News

Moira Richards Conzelman, Maryknoll Family Worldwide Network MCS representative from San Francisco, visited the Sisters in New York from September 26 to October 2. She planned her trip to arrive two days early to help the Sisters set up for their annual Fall Festival Fair on the 28th. Moira visited Sister Marie Ann Lipetzky, who fell and broke her leg and is now recovering well from her surgery. Besides helping set up the booths, Moira, being a good business person, helped sell many goodies Sisters brought back from around the world.



Moira visits with Sister Marie Ann Lipetzky.



Sister Marie Ann Lipetzky.



Moira with Sister Rosalie.

Maryknoll Alumnae News, continued.

After a weekend of hard work, Moira hosted a Chinese dim-sum lunch for the China Missioner group of Sisters in Hartsdale.



Sunday dim-sum lunch with Sisters and Left to right: Sisters Joan Delaney, Betty Ann (partial view), Joanna Chan, Meg Gallagher, Jeanne Houlihan, Moira Conzelman and Marian Young (MCS alums) and Sisters Rosalie and Arlene Trant (partial view)



When Moira had concluded her visit to the Motherhouse, Sisters Jeanne and Arlene were there to say goodbye.



Mid-night snack (siu yeh) with Sisters Joanna, Jeanne, Betty Ann and Meg at their private dining room.



Maryknoll Alumnae News, continued.

The Maryknoll Alumnae Association of California met for a Mid-Autumn celebration on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Harborview Restaurant in San Francisco.



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Maryknoll Alumnae News, continued.

A goodbye lunch for Sr. Paulette Yeung was held at the San Francisco Presidio Concordia Private Golf Club on October 26, 2019. Sister Paulette is moving back to Honolulu in November.

Maggie Yum Hosted the luncheon. Other attendees included former Sister Marilyn Miller, former MCS Teacher Zella Kotala, Sylvia Khong-Terpstra, Sylvia's sister, and Moira Conzelman.



Maryknollers Around the World



Maggie Yum, MSS Class of '76 writes: After the 7th Worldwide Reunion Cruise to Mexico in 2007, Sister Rose Duchesne visited San Francisco Bay area and stayed at my home in Menlo Park. We spent some quality time together talking, especially about the full union of MCS and MSS alumnae in North California. Sister told me this had made her dream come true. Before she left, Sister handed me a piece of paper with the name Flossie Wong-Staal on it and asked me to look for her, an MSS alumnae, who had done great things for mankind.

It was only in August 2018 when I reached out to MSS alumnae in Hong Kong for the Maryknoll Gateway to the World Gala on Ellis Island, New York, that Brenda Chow (MSS 1963) was introduced to me by Cecilia Cheng (MSS 1958). Flossie is also from Brenda's class of MSS 1963. Subsequently, Brenda invited me to their class lunch on Nov 9, 2019 at the Gallop in the Hong Kong Jockey Club to talk about Maryknoll Family

Worldwide Network and it was there that I met Flossie.

I spoke to Flossie on October 1, 2019, and asked her how the Maryknoll Sisters education inspired her. She replied, "I believe the Maryknoll Sisters experience contributed to my confidence as a woman scientist. The fact that it was an all girls school meant that we were never told that we could not major in science or compete with boys in math or science. Although I was and am not a Catholic, I appreciated the nurturing and mentoring of the Sisters at that time. I never felt the pressure to adopt Catholicism. The education I received there was top-rate". Flossie said she still remembers Sister Ann Carol Brielmaier, Sister Rose Duchesne and Sister Mary Louise (Maryam) Teufel.

Flossie was inducted into Women's Hall of Fame on September 19, 2019.

Flossie Wong-Staal (1947-)

Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal is a world renowned molecular biologist and virologist and one of the pioneers in research on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the causative agent of the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). She and her team of scientists at the US National Cancer Institute were the first to molecularly clone HIV and to elucidate the complex structure of its genome. This accomplishment was instrumental in proving HIV to be the cause of AIDS, and in the subsequent development of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for the disease. They were also the first to show that HIV is highly heterogeneous in the patient population, forecasting the importance of combination (cocktail) therapy to combat AIDS.

Dr. Wong-Staal, nee Wong Yee Ching, was born in Guangzhou, China. When she was four, her family moved to Hong Kong where she attended Maryknoll Sisters' School, an all-girls Catholic high school operated by American nuns. She credits her Maryknoll teachers and her parents for encouraging her to pursue a college education even though not many young women of her generation and background had chosen this path. She obtained a Bachelor degree in Bacteriology (1968) and a Ph. D. in Molecular Biology (1972), both from UCLA. In 1973, she joined Dr. Robert Gallo's laboratory at the National Cancer Institute as a Research Fellow. During that time, she became interested in the class of viruses called retroviruses, which were then powerful tools in molecular biology. Furthermore, she was also enamored of the idea that retroviruses could be potential pathogens in human disease. This notion, though initially not very popular among leading scientists, was later validated in the case of AIDS and certain human leukemias. Dr. Wong-Staal has published more than 400 papers on the subject of human retroviruses and AIDS. In 1990, based on the citation index of her published work, she was selected by the Institute for Scientific Information as the top woman scientist of the previous decade. She has received numerous honors and awards, and has membership in the US National Academy of Medicine and the Academia Sinica of Taiwan.

Dr. Wong-Staal has pursued her passion for biomedical research through the diverse lenses of Government, Academia and Industry. In 1990, she left her position as Section Chief at the National Cancer Institute and returned to California to assume the Riford Chair in AIDS Research and Professorship in the Departments of Biology and Medicine at UCSD. Later, she became Director of the AIDS Research Institute and co-Director of the Center for AIDS Research at UCSD. In 2002, she left academia to direct research at biotechnology companies focused on applying novel approaches to target cancer and viral infections including HIV and HCV. In addition to research in these various settings, she has also enjoyed mentoring young scientists from all over the world, many of whom have become accomplished scientists in their own right.



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