Happy Birthday, Sister Corinne! Thank you for your words of wisdom, gifts of music, and being a role model for all of us. May your special day and all your days be filled with joy and God's abundant blessings!



Maryknoll Convent School in 1995, with the Lion Rock in the background. All photos from Maureen Tse Luk unless otherwise *noted. I hope that the spirit of joy, of loving concern, of challenge for higher things that should be a part of every Maryknoller will be strong enough in each of us to light a spark in the lives of people around us, and help to make their world a better and happier place.

*from page 7 of The Maryknoller, 1974-75 (MCS 50th Anniversary).

DEAR SISTER CORINNE,

Happy 97th birthday! Your love for music, beauty, and virtue spills over to enrich the lives of your students. This album features sentiments of gratitude from them, as well as happy moments at Maryknoll, reunions and get-togethers.

I enjoyed chatting quietly with you when you were in Monrovia. You told me where you went to college, the name of your piano teacher, and a few facts about your brother, Dr. Joseph Rost, Professor Emeritus of Leadership at University of San Diego. I have devoted a few pages to pay tribute to them.





The lotus, a symbol of purity and incorruptibility, reminds me of your noble character and elegance. The fruit trees planted in the early days by the Sisters at Maryknoll Convent School appear to radiate their devotion to cultivate and educate. I hope you like these images.

On this special day, we ruminate over our school motto, "Virtue alone ennobles," that you and other Maryknoll Sisters ingrained in us. May God continue to bless you and everyone in the Maryknoll community!

Love, Maureen Tse Luk, MCS Class of 1967

Sister Corinne with students in the 1950s



*Photo from page 184 of "Forever be True."

Sisters at Maryknoll Convent School in early 1960s



*Photo from Sisters Photo Collection, Maryknoll Mission Archives.







*Photos from page 7 of *The Maryknoller*, 1974-75 (MCS 50th Anniversary)

Sister Corinne: MCS Teacher 1947 – 1967, Primary Principal 1967 – 1977, Supervisor 1977 - 1983



HAPPY 97th BIRTHDAY, SISTER CORINNE!

Thank you for years of beautiful music and wonderful memories at MCS!

I am so grateful for the guidance and nurturing you gave me and for teaching me to love and appreciate music in many forms.

Celebrate! May this year bring you good health and spiritual renewal with God. Many Birthday Blessings to you.

With much Love,

Moira Richards Conzelman Class of 1967 MCS

*Photo from page 153 of "Forever Be True."

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Hundred minus three ! FA

A long long way to run :) SOL LA TI Cheers! from Zella and me And that brings us back to DO Let the music begin !!

> Happy Birthday From Zella Remedios Kotala and Marilyn Miller



* Image from YOUTUBE VIDEO of "Sound of Music," the likely source of inspiration for Marilyn Miller's song.



*Photo by Frank Jang. San Francisco Premiere of "*Trailblazers in Habits*." (L-R) Marilyn Miller, Moira R. Conzelman, Gisela Merker.

Ode to Sister Corinne

Stands for SUCCESSFUL-her outer and inner beauty drew us to her.
is for INDIVIDUALISTIC-her youthful persona caused such a stir.
is for SYMPATHETIC-she was like a pop idol to us teens.
f stands for TALENTED-we admired her and were very keen.
is for ENTERTAINING-the songs she taught us were a fresh breeze.
R is for RELIGIOUS-though a nun, her students always felt at ease.

C stands for CLASSIC-her taste in music and what she grew to become.
O is for ORIGINAL-the girls to her charm succumbed.
R is for RELIABLE-she looked forward to her music class.

Is for NICE-she allowed us to have (the cast) a blast.
 Is for NICE-she allowed us to have (the cast) a blast.

E stands for EXUBERANT-her personality inspired us.

R is for RESPONSIBLE-she taught us to enjoy to perform. *O* for OOMPH-she was fun, and we felt transformed. *S* stands for STAR quality-she was our ideal. *T* is for TASTEFUL-our love for her we now reveal.





*Photo by Frank Jang. Zella Remedios Kotala, Dorothea Luk Jang (MCS 1960) with daughter Dr. Gwendolyn Jang.

The Luk family attending the San Francisco premiere of "Trailblazers in Habits" on January 11, 2014

Dear Sister Corinne,

I remember and cherish the music classes during my time at Maryknoll. Watching "*Trailblazers in Habits*" brought me back to those times and was a real eye opener. I learned so much about the remarkable legacy of Maryknoll and was happy to share this with my daughter, Gwendolyn.

May God shower you with many blessings and much happiness on your 97th Birthday.

Dorothea Luk Jang, MCS 1960





* Photo by Frank Jang.



Source: musical heart, Gclef & notes From Google search picture gallery You have given us such a foundation **virtuoso** in music appreciation. The times spent with you and at **Glee** Club –be it **adagio, allegro, canto, forte piano,** or **tremolo**... ever delight

armonioso!

A ninety-seventh

fieramente birthday

dolcissimo to you.

Dear Sister Corinne

Lovingly, Ruby/ MCS 1967



Abstract-music-Chopin-painting-artby-Debra-Hurd

DEAR SR. CORINNE,

Happy 97th Birthday to you! Thank you for all the years of teaching, guiding and enlightening during my years at Maryknoll, and especially the years as my Spiritual Director at Mother of Sorrows Praesidium in the Legion of Mary. You will never know how deeply you have touched the hearts of your students in your gentle and musical ways. I still remember you singing a popular song to us when we were little.....a Judy Garland song called "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows". That was more than 60 years ago, and I still remember your beautiful voice. So, dear Sr. Corinne, please keep on singing....aloud or in your heart. God bless you and keep you well.



*Photo from Etta Chan Siu. Sr. Rosemary, Jenny Lam Ho, Sr. Corinne, Etta Chan Siu: 1981 in Hong Kong.

With love and gratitude, Etta Chan Siu, MCS 1957



Etta Chan Siu, Maureen Tse Luk, and Sr. Corinne on April 22, 2006 at Sr. Margaret Shepherd's farewell party in Monterey Park, CA.

Dear Sr. Corinne,

Best wishes for a very Happy 97th Birthday! Our thoughts and prayers are with you on your special day!

With much love, Patsy Tung Chao, MCS 1967



Maureen and Patsy were thrilled to see MCS 1967 classmate, Ann Lee, at the 1998 WWR picnic in Toronto.



* Photo provided by Patsy Tung Chao. MCS Class 1967 reunion at Maryknoll Motherhouse. (L – R) Margaret Leung, Janet Chang, Tania Chen, Sister Dolores Mitch, Annie Yau, Maureen Tse, Patsy Tung, Michele Leung ('70), Abbé Wong ('70), Theresa Kwok, Moira Richards, Edwina Shuster, Theresa Leung ('70), Agnes Leung ('74), Maria Lee.

Maryknoll Worldwide Reunion, San Francisco, 1991 MCS Classes 1967 and 1968







Maryknoll Worldwide Reunion: Toronto, 1998



Clockwise from top left: MCS Class 1967, Sr. Corinne with Kitty Kwok and Maureen Tse, Sr. Miriam Francis with Maureen, MCS Class 1960 with Sisters.





Maryknoll Worldwide Reunion, Vancouver, 2001



MARYKNOLL WORLDWIDE REUNION IN NEW YORK CITY: AUGUST, 2004





Messages from Kathy Giannini (MCS 1960) and Magdalen Yum (MSS 1976), co-chairpersons in 2007 and officers of the Maryknoll Alumnae Association of California since its inception. All attendees cherished the wonderful time at the 2007 Maryknoll Worldwide Reunion Cruise they organized.

Dearest Sr. Corinne,

Happy Birthday to you. May you receive the very best of this year. Bob and I will offer three masses for you at our parish. May God Bless and Keep you strong. We will come to visit you soon.

All our love, Kathy (Chu) and Bob Giannini



What a blast we had at the 2007 Maryknoll Reunion Cruise in 2007!



*from http://www.mcsmsscalifornia.org/WWR2007/photos.php. L-R: Kathy Giannini, Sr. Corinne, Sr. Joanna Chan, and Sr. Rose Duchesne at the 2007 Maryknoll Reunion Cruise.

Dear Sister Corinne,

Happy birthday to a great teacher!

Magdalen Yum (MSS 1976)



*Photo from Magdalen Yum, who visited the Motherhouse in May, 2014.



2007 MCS/MSS Worldwide **Reunion Cruise: Sister** Corinne drawing the winner for the raffle to spend a day and lunch in the Harmonique Vineyard in Mendocino owned by Moira Richards Conzelman. Standing next to Sister **Corinne is Judge Lillian** Kwok Sing, MCS 1960. To the right of Lillian is her classmate, Kathy Chu Gianinni, the then cochairperson of the Maryknoll Alumnae Association of California.

*from http://www.mcsmsscalifornia.org/WWR2007/photos.php

2007 MSS/MCS Worldwide Reunion Cruise



*from http://www.mcsmsscalifornia.org/WWR2007/photos.php

More photos of MSS and MCS Worldwide Reunion Cruise August 5-8, 2007



Mrs. Nancy Wong (former MSS alumna, teacher and principal), Maureen, Sr. Mary Lou Teufel (former MSS teacher).



Rosita Lee (MSS alumna), Maureen, Sr. Miedal Stone (former MSS teacher), Magdalen Pak (MSS alumna).



Sr. Martha Bourne (former MSS teacher), Maureen, Marilyn Miller (formerly Sr. Marie James and MCS teacher).



Class 1967 with Sisters. Moira holding her Harmonique wine she donated as a raffle prize. Our classmate Teresa Tse also attended the WWR but not in this photo.



Celebrating Sr. Ruth Marie's birthday: (L to R standing): Mary Tse (MCS 1966), Maureen, Bonnie Lee (MCS 1970), Teresa Tse (MCS 1967).



I first met Sr. Margaret Shepherd in Monrovia and was delighted to see her at the cruise for the first time after she moved to the Sisters Center in Ossining, New York.

Northern California: Excursion to Dominican University on March 16, 2013, San Rafael.



Southern California: Welcoming Sr. Teresa Leung on January 18, 2014, Arcadia.





L to R: Angela Loe Ng. Guinn, Kathy Chu Giannini, Susie Cecchi, Ruby Liang, Terese Bartholemaw, Moira Concelman, Julie Tang, Magdalen Yum, Edith (Maggie's neighbor), Margery Wong, Sylvia Khong-Terpstra. Zella Remedios Kotala, Hana Lee [Stephanie Sze Leung–not in photo] [Photo from Kathy & Bob Giannin]



*Photo from Ruby Liang. Co-presidents of Maryknoll Alumnae Association of California, 2013/2014: Magdalen Yum (MSS 1976), Moira Conzelman (MCS 1967). grace notes, harmony, clarity and beauty -

thank you for sharing these with us, Sr. Corinne! Happy 97th birthday!

Cynthia Pon, MCS 1978



Maureen Tse Luk and Cynthia Pon

Dear Sr. Corinne,

God bless you. SWEET 97

Betty Kwan Ka Mei 關嘉美, MCS '70





Betty Kwan and Maria Lee. *Photos from Betty Kwan.



*Photos from Maria Lee: Speech Day, 1967; our two beloved music teachers Sr. Marie Ann and Sr. Corinne joining us for dinner at the Motherhouse on Nov. 2, 2012.

Dear Sr. Corinne

It was you who'd introduced me to classical music and the instruments of the orchestra!

In primary 4 or 5, you'd set up a beautiful gramophone in music lesson and had us listening to Tchaikovsky and Strauss, Mussorgsky., etc.! *Night of the Bare Mountain* is still one of my favourite pieces! You'd also played *Peter and the Wolf* to us, and introduced us to the various instruments! I'd treasure the notes which you made for us, with fine drawings of these instruments!

At home, to my parents' surprise I got hold of a series from Readers' Digest, an album of 12 records of these classical music and began listening to them!

You have always been very soft spoken and walked around the school with a gentle smile.

Thank you for your dedication and love for your students! We're very grateful that you are still with us, and it's most comforting to know that we are always in your prayers!

Eat healthily and keep up with easy exercise! Please!

God bless you Maria Lee MCS Class of 1967

Dear Sister Corinne,

Thank you for giving us the knowledge, joy and music we had with you in MCS, we have kept these precious moments with us all these years.



Principal Sister Corinne in the 1970s. *Photo from page 51 of *"Forever be True."*



*Photo from Agnes Leung: the Leung sisters at the Gritti Palace in Venice in 2013.

My sisters Margaret of class 1967, Theresa of class 1970, and myself Agnes of class 1974 join with all the other Maryknollers to wish you a Happy Birthday, we wish you good health on your 97th birthday.

May God bless you and bring happiness to the world. *Margaret, Theresa and Agnes Leung*

Dearest Sister Corinne,

I well remember you being choir director when I was in primary. I have started singing again three years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I am going to Italy to attend a master class (junior master class, nothing serious) in August and very much looking forward to it.

Thank you for helping me find the joy of singing. Best wishes and happy birthday. Love also from Winifred my daughter whom you taught in 1989-1995 in MCS primary.

Abbé



*Photos from Abbé Wong

Sister Marie Corinne Rost conducting the MCS Primary School Choir during Christmas 1966



*Photo from MCS album.

Sister Marie Ann Lipetzky conducting the joint choir with La Salle College in the 1967-1968 school year





*Photo provided by La Salle College Class of 1966.



Southern California was a special place for Sister Corinne. She served in a Children's Home in Los Angeles from 1943 to 1945 before leaving for Hong Kong. After her retirement in 1996, she was assigned to the Maryknoll Residence in Monrovia, where she delighted in playing the piano in the chapel. She stayed in Monrovia for eleven years before moving to the Motherhouse in Ossining.



Members of the Maryknoll Guild with Sisters Miedal Stone and Joan Crevcoure in the dining hall on Sisters Day, April 8, 2014.



Sisters Joyce Burch, Andree Normandin, Dolores Mitch, and Christine Ortis busy at the bazaar on October 27, 2013.

Sister Corinne's brother, the late Dr. Joseph Rost, was a Professor of Leadership at the University of San Diego and visited her in Monrovia often. At the annual bazaar last year, Anthony and Maureen remembered meeting him there over ten years ago. Monrovia Days: Anthony and Maureen attending a concert at Disney Hall with Sisters Corinne and Marilyn Jean, March 11, 2007 Sister Corinne being an accomplished pianist, and a student of Paul Wittgenstein, I could tell that she was thrilled to attend this performance.

During intermission, Sister Corinne's enthusiasm heightened when she caught sight of the many instruments, including a few uncommon ones, being moved onto the stage in preparation for Gustav Holst's *The Planets*. She wasted no time in giving me a description and history of some of the instruments including the snare drum, the glockenspiel, and a keyboard instrument called a celesta. I could hardly contain my pride when other concert-goers smiled and started consulting Sister Corinne!

I also felt being transported back to Maryknoll Convent School, circa 1960, when Sister Corinne taught us music theory and introduced us to *Aida, Peer Gynt*, and other masterpieces.

Yundi Li plays Liszt Walt Disney Concert Hall Sunday, March 11, 2007, 2 p.m. Artists Los Angeles Philharmonic Leonard Slatkin, conductor Women of Pacific Chorale Yundi Li, piano

Program <u>HOLST</u>: <u>The Planets</u> <u>LISZT</u>: <u>Piano Concerto No. 1</u> <u>REICH</u>: <u>Triple Quartet</u>



Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles, CA

Monrovia Days: Sr. Margaret's Farewell Party in 2006

The MSS girls in Southern California organized **Sr. Margaret Shepherd's** farewell party on April 22, 2006. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all. A few days later, I called the Monrovia Residence before bringing an album of the party photos to Sr. Margaret and was told that she went to see her friends in Santa Monica. When Anthony and I met her and Sr. Ann Carol the following afternoon, I found out that Sr. Margaret used public transportation by herself to Santa Monica, which involved 2.5 hours one way on the road and two bus transfers! The conversation among four of us was most delightful and had been edged in my memory. Sr. Margaret was excited about moving to Ossining, New York. She demonstrated how a New Yorker would walk briskly and teased Sr. Ann Carol's leisurely gait as "typically Californian!" Before joining Maryknoll, Sr. Margaret had a great job with the Federal government but mission work won over. When she first received the news that she was assigned to Hong Kong, she could hardly contain her excitement. MSS girls remember her fondly as an administrator and a teacher. With her trademark humor, she told us how Sr. Agnes Mckeirnan coached her on public speaking: having her sit among the MSS girls and grilled her without cutting any slack! Sr. Margaret was so funny and energetic!



Sr. Corinne, Sylvia Tsui (MSS '68), Juliana Tsao (MSS '67).

Sr. Margaret, Jenny Fok (MSS '80), Anna Chen (MSS '63), Veronica Chan (MSS '66).

Sisters Mary Diggins, Kay Byrne, Ann Carol and Maureen.

Maureen and Anthony visiting Maryknoll Sisters Center, July 3, 2008









Paintings by Sr. Mary Elizabeth Keyser



This was our first visit after Sr. Corinne moved to the Motherhouse. We were so excited to see her and other Sisters who had served in Hong Kong. The lone non-Hongkonger, Sr. Mary Elizabeth standing between Anthony and Maureen, entered Maryknoll in 1937, same year as Sr. Corinne. She had served in Latin America. To our admiration, she is a selftaught artist!

Maureen and Anthony Visiting Maryknoll Sisters Center in 2011 and 2012



Anthony was thrilled to see Sr. Corinne on December 26, 2012.



Sisters Corinne, Rose Duchesne, and Miriam Xavier boarded the ship together from the U.S. and arrived Hong Kong in 1946. It was a huge honor for Anthony to take a photo with them on October 10, 2011 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center.



Celebrating God's Goodness

> May you have all the joy your heart

can hold...

All the Imiles a day can bring...

All the blessings a life can unfold...

Dear Sister Corinne,

Wishing you a wonderful birthday!

Warmest wishes, Dan and Tania Souza (MCS Class of '67)



October 27, 2012 Saturday, Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, NY MCS class of 1967 - Dinner With Sisters



Back Row L to R: Maria Lee, Frances Kwok, Theresa Kwok, Rose Wang Ho, Vivien Ng, Maureen Tse Luk, Linda Hsueh Scarboro, Nina Tsao, Marian Mok Chuy, Patsy Tung Chao, Agnes Leung Bninski '74, Annie Yau Young, Edwina Shuster, Terry Leung Sassine '70, Tania Chen Souza, Roseanne Woo Haltresht '70, Ruby Liang, Margaret Leung Chia, Michele Leung '70, Moira Richards Conzelman, Abbe Wong '70, Janet Chang.

2nd Row seated L to R: Sr. Elizabeth Knoerl, (glimpse of Nina's Mom) Lucy Tsao, Jean Ling (Ruby's Mom sitting next to) Srs. Betty Ann Maheu, Earnest Chung, Marie Ann Lipetzky

1st Row seated L to R: Srs. Teresa Leung, Miedal Stone, Jeanne Houlihan, Catherine Rowe, Martha Bourne, Mary Lou Teufel, Mary Diggins, Miram Xavier Mug, Sue Moore, Mary T. Connell.

[Photo by Marian's husband, Phil Feliciano Chuy]

We thank Tania for graciously hosting the sumptuous dinner, Marian for the three beautiful cakes to celebrate the birthday of three Sisters, Moira for her awardwinning Harmonique wines, Phil for taking the photos, Ruby for the captions, and above all, the Sisters and the two mothers, Jean and Lucy, for making the dinner a most memorable event.



MUSic Session at MaryKnoll Sisters Center, October 31, 2012



Sisters Betty Ann Maheu, Miriam Xavier, Rose Duchesne, Marie Ann Lipetzky and Maryknoll girls singing like we did in the good old days at Maryknoll Convent School!



Dr. Carolyn Woo (MSS 1972), CEO of Catholic Relief Services, and her husband David hosting a Chinese dinner at Maryknoll Sisters Center in March of 2013









Joseph C. Rost (Sister Corinne's brother) 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner



Honored posthumously, **Joseph C. Rost** was a distinguished scholar in leadership studies and was most noted for his conception of followership. Rost was a professor emeritus of leadership studies at the University of San Diego (USD) in San Diego, CA where he was a professor of leadership from 1976 to 1996. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he specialized in the politics of education.

In his early career, Rost was a Christian Brother in the St. Louis, Missouri Province for twenty-one years, and he served as a teacher and administrator of several schools in the Midwest. After his retirement in 1996, Rost collaborated with several graduates and doctoral students in leadership studies at USD to inaugurate the Institute for the Advancement of Leadership. He served as Executive Director of this nonprofit corporation until it ceased operations in 1999. Rost's *Leadership for the Twenty-First Century* (Praeger 1991) is one of the most quoted books about leadership in print. In this book, Rost emphasized the shift in leadership/management to a more collaborative form. His work is still used extensively in leadership courses today.

*photo and article from http://www.ila-net.org/LeadershipLegacy/Joseph_Rost.html



Mother Rosalie Hill Hall - Home to The University of San Diego's School of Leadership and Education Sciences

*Photo from http://www.sandiego.edu /admissions/virtualtour/buildings/mother rosalie hill/



Marybeth Ries, who accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of her uncle Joseph Rost, and Robert Donmoyer, Professor of Leadership Studies, University of San Diego. *Photo and caption from <u>http://www.ila-</u> <u>net.org/LeadershipLegacy/Joseph_Rost.html</u> Dístínguíshed Pedígree: Paul Wíttgenstein was Síster Corínne's Píano Teacher



*Photo source: Bernard Fleischer Moving Images

Sr. Corinne's conversation with Maureen in February of 2007

"My piano teacher also played exclusively with his left hand because he lost his right arm in WWI," Sr. Corinne told me in early 2007 when I mentioned that Lang Lang's teacher was Gary Graffman (who injured and stopped using his right hand in the late 1970s). She was a student of prominent pianist Paul Wittgenstein at Manhattanville College.

From Wikipedia:

"Wittgenstein was born in Vienna, the son of the industrialist Karl Wittgenstein. His brother Ludwig was born two years later. The household was frequently visited by prominent cultural figures, among them the composers Johannes Brahms, Gustav Mahler, Josef Labor, and Richard Strauss, with whom the young Paul played duets. His grandmother, Fanny Wittgenstein, was a first cousin of the violinist Joseph Joachim, whom she adopted and took to Leipzig to study with Felix Mendelssohn." Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart where Sister Corinne was under the tutelage of Paul Wittgenstein and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Music in 1942



*Photo from Wikipedia: Manhattanville College before 1952.



*Photo from Wikipedia: Mother Grace Dammann, President of Manhattanville College when Sister Corinne was a student there.

Paul Wittgenstein started teaching piano at **Manhattanville College** in 1941. *Source: Chicago Tribune article by Howard Reich, *"Rediscovered Pianist's Score Last Legacy,"* August 11, 2002. <u>http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertai</u> <u>nment/music/chi-</u> <u>0208110430aug11,0,2470799.story</u>



Message from Sister Corinne on the 75th Anniversary of Maryknoll Convent School:

When I think of you – present and former students – in this anniversary year, my thoughts go back to our school shield, and the motto inscribed upon it: "Virtue alone ennobles." I'm sure most of us have had many opportunities to reflect on it as we have forged ahead and sometimes slipped back in the school of life, and have also come to acknowledge the truth of it. When all is said and done, it's the goodness that shines out in the many qualities people see in us and want from us – that which add lustre and joy and unselfishness to our lives and allows us to touch the lives of others in a helpful, healing, loving way.

So let us celebrate these seventy-five years of existence and growth, of joy and friendship, and give thanks for all the good that has been done, and for all that we have yet to do.

Thank you, Sister Corinne, for continuing to inspire us!

*Photo and message from page 14 of Maryknoll Convent School 1925 – 2000.