

Maryknoll Family



Worldwide Network

UPDATE

May 7, 2020

The Maryknoll Society and Congregation was in the news when the religious community was hard hit by Covid-19. Sister Nonie Gutzler, President of Maryknoll Sisters and Father Raymond Finch, Superior General of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers were interviewed on ABC News last week. Please see their interview in our appeal below.

Since the interview, a total count of 13 Maryknoll Fathers have died. Maryknoll suffered a total casualty of eight Sisters to Covid-19 since the outbreak.

We were very grateful that 24 of our Sisters who were transferred to intensive medical care at the Mary Manning Walsh House in New York City had returned to the Assisted Living nursing care in Maryknoll where they are recuperating under careful monitoring by the onsite nursing staff.

In addition to the three Sisters who passed away at the outbreak, three Sisters passed away at the Sisters Center this past week. Sister Christelle Zabalerio from the Philippines who served in Bangladesh and East Timor passed away, she was 79 years young. We also lost two Sisters from our China Missioner group, Sister Alice Wengrzynek who served in Taiwan and Hong Kong in Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital and Sister Andree Normandin who served in Taiwan for 40 years.

This morning two more of our Sisters, Sister Patricia Hafey and Sister Bernadette Cordis Duggan passed away at the Sisters Center.

Even with further lockdown of all buildings and with Sisters in seclusion in their rooms, the aggressive and invisible Covid-19 took the lives of total of eight of our Sisters. The lockdown of Maryknoll will be extended for one more week.

Please join Maryknoll Sisters in Cyber Prayers every day between 5:30am and 11:00pm to pray for our Sisters and for the world.

Love and prayers,

Moira Conzelman
MCS Class of 1967

APPEAL TO FELLOW MARYKNOLLERS

Wherever you all are, know that you are in our prayers and please stay safe and strong during this difficult time.

Our elderly Sisters at Maryknoll despite every precaution have seen three of their Sisters die and over 30 infected. Even though Maryknoll Sisters had worked in some of the poorest and most difficult countries in the world, it is distressing and scary for them to see this invisible virus turning up at their retirement home. 24 Sisters with severe symptoms were transferred to a care facility where they are receiving

intensive medical care. The Sisters with milder symptoms are being cared for in Maryknoll. Very sadly 10 of the nursing staff have also been infected while taking care of the Sisters.

With all the unforeseen expenses related to medical care of the Sisters, nursing staff, costly supplies and medical equipment and many additional expenses during the lockdown of the Sisters Center, Sister Nonie Gutzler has appealed to our Maryknollers and the public for help. Please see ABC News interview of Sister Nonie and Father Raymond Finch.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/coronavirus-news-religious-community-in-westchester-county-hit-hard-by-covid-19-pandemic/ar-BB13hHKT?ocid=spartandhp>

This is the time Sisters need our help the most! Attached is an appeal from Maryknoll. Please donate as generously as you can. We have two donors who have pledged to match donations up to \$10,000. Every dollar you donate will be matched dollar for dollar!

Please see below how to donate directly to Maryknoll.

Thank you all for showing solidarity and support for our Sisters at their hour of need.

PS. Please click on link Maryknoll Appeal below to donate. Please fill in the box "Class of" under *How did you hear about the Maryknoll Sisters? In case you want to write a check, please write on check Covid-19/Class of and send to:

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