



Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)

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Letter from the President

Dear MCS Former Students (Ont.),



Greetings from everyone in the MCS Ontario Alumni committee. Summer has finally arrived. Hot sunny days are upon us. Hope that you and your family are enjoying your summer.

Since our reunion in August 2014, we have had several gatherings, namely our Biennial General Meeting in November, a Memorial Mass for Sr. Miriam Xavier in May 2015 and a Spring Games Day this May, the details and pictures of which can be found in our website www.mcsontario.org.

Looking forward to the remaining 2015, our committee is planning a Bingo and Dinner event to be held on November 1, 2015. Please reserve the date and we will provide more details later. The Academic Achievement Award will be presented on the night to the children of our members who graduated High School with an overall average of 80% and above in six Ontario Academic Credits. If your children qualified for the Award, please send the transcript to Ms. Gertrude Chan before September 15, 2015.

On another note, our committee was informed that there is an urgent need to raise funds for the Motherhouse Windows Project. Our Maryknoll Motherhouse in Ossining, NY, needs our help urgently. Their windows were installed in the 1950s and required replacement badly. This project is budgeted at USD\$500,000. The Maryknoll Motherhouse has very minimal funding and they depend on former Maryknollers around the world to help out. <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/07/07/nuns-need-windows/>

If you would like to donate towards this cause, please send us a cheque payable to "MCS Former Students (Ont.) Inc." and write "Motherhouse Windows Project" in the memo field. We will collect the funds by the end of November and remit in USD to the Motherhouse as our Christmas gift this year.

As your President, I hope to count on your unfailing support of our MCS Ontario Alumni. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you all at our Falls Bingo event.

Sincerely,
Wendy Man



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The Memorial Mass for Sister Miriam Xavier Mug (1913-2015) was held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 10 am at St. Gabriel Church, North York. Sister passed away in New York on Tuesday March 31, 2015 at 3pm. She would have been at her tender age of 102 on September 22, 2015 otherwise.

The Mass was attended by close to 30 former students and friends. Fatima Lee Luk did a great job in coordinating for all the arrangements. Father Paul Cusack, C.P. was the Celebrant. There was a choir comprising of : Nora Man, Wendy Man, Marie-Louise Rocha Chang, Jeanne Ho Chan and Juliana Shee Joe. Shirley Kwong and Regina da Rocha Chan assisted in Gift-Bearing.

Marie-Louise Rocha Chang delivered an impressive Eulogy on the heart-warming life of Sister and Father Paul Cusack gave a very touching homily. Donations received have been sent to the Sisters at Motherhouse.

Homily - Father Paul Cusack, C.P.

It's hard to imagine what Sister Miriam saw and experienced in her 101 years of living. She was a Maryknoll Sister for 71 years. Imagine what changes and struggles she went through as a religious missionary and as a Catholic during those years. She saw six popes come and go. She lived through the renewal of religious life called for by the Vatican Council II, and she saw the bright light of Pope Francis. She went to the Orient in 1946 as the area struggled to re-build itself after the Second World War. Most of her life was spent there.

All of you here were touched by the personality and spirituality of the wonderful woman. In the eulogy from the Maryknoll community, there is a quote of hers: *"I treasure the satisfaction that comes when I see women I taught as teenagers now grown into responsible women, with lives based on the ideals expressed in their Maryknoll education."* Eric Erikson describes that as "generativity" in his seventh stage of growth.

Each one of you has your own memories of Sister Miriam. If she was a good teacher, she was probably

demanding and strict, wanting to get the best out of her students. St. Paul tells us something we already know- the life and death of each of us has its influence on others. We cannot go through life untouched or untouching. Your lives were touched by her, and her life was enriched by her association with you. For this you must be grateful.

Our gospel sums up everything. When life is over we will be judged by love alone. Matthew has nothing to say about temple of church attendance, the praying of prayers or the keeping of fasts. He speaks only of love in action – I was hungry, thirsty, naked, lonely, and shut-in, and you were there for me. Now I am here for you - come.

This Mass is a mass of thanksgiving for the life and ministry, the friendship and example of Sister Miriam Xavier. We know she is enjoying the life and love of God for all eternity

Thank You Letter—Sr. Teresa Leung

Dear Members of the MCS Toronto Alumnae,

On behalf of the Maryknoll Sisters, I thank you for organizing and celebrating the Eucharistic Liturgy for the remembrance of our beloved Sister Miriam Xavier Mug on May 9, 2015. We are grateful to you for your most generous donations, totaling US \$900.00 in loving memory of Sister and for the support of the retired Sisters at the Motherhouse.

Moreover, we thank you for your constant care and support. We appreciate your unceasing effort to do so much for us year after year. We can never thank you enough for your generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness. You always spend all your energy, time and resources for us and you pray for us as well.

Please be assured of our prayers of gratitude for you and your families who also have done so much for us all these years.

Blessed and Happy Father's Day to your husbands, sons, fathers and brothers who are our greatest benefactors!

Most gratefully,

Sister Teresa Leung
Alumnae Liaison
June 16, 2015

Our Condolences

Mr. EDWARD KING, the loving father of Kathy King ('76), Francesca King Lui ('78) and Mark King, passed away at North York General Hospital on June 10 after a sudden illness at the age of 89.

Mr. King grew up in Shanghai and was a graduate of St. John's University. He was a very successful businessman in Hong Kong before moving to Canada.

He was also an avid golfer. The funeral and Mass at the Highland Funeral Home was well attended by members of The MCS community. Mr King is survived by his wife of 58 years, Odile King.

MICHAEL BARROS, loving husband of Evelyn Joyce (née Larcina) of 1965, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 7, 2015 with his family by his side. Michael was a keen all round sportsman from a very young age, Recreio 1961 champion cricket team in HK, besides softball, tennis, golf and bowling in Hong Kong and Toronto. He was an outstanding member of the Casa de Macau Toronto for 25 years, and served on their Board as a Director twice. Michael was loved and respected by all for his good humour and tireless loyalty and dedication; a kind loving man who cared a lot about others.



It saddens us to announce the demise of **LORETTA IP** on 29 June, 2015.

She is survived by her daughter Karen Yao and her siblings, Doris Ip, Leo Ip and Molly Ip.

Loretta was 64.

Loretta graduated from Maryknoll Convent School in 1969. She worked with Lufthansa for over 30 years.

She was such a dynamic and a fun loving person; with a great sense of humour. She will be sorely missed.

Welcome New Members

Our very warm welcome to the recently recruited members:

Alexandra Ho 1978

Alice Lei Holmes

(Associate member of MSS, 1971)

Josephine Wong Shum 1975

Wendy Yau Tse 1974

An excerpt from *Lohud*—The Journal News in U.S.A.

July 7, 2015

Records show that the 92-year-old building's windows haven't been replaced since the 1950s. Many are cracked and damaged and most will only open a few inches, if at all. "We've all spent our lives working toward the betterment of our missions," 84-year-old Sister Jeanne Houlihan says, in explaining the prevailing attitude. "We tend to accept what is, and hope something will change. We don't complain about our own discomforts. I may want something, but I ask myself if I really need it. If I find that I don't, I won't ask for it."

But even Houlihan, who spent 46 years running a school for girls in Hong Kong, now acknowledges the need to replace the convent's 403 windows, at a cost of about \$1,200 each. The order has produced a [YouTube video](#) describing the need.

"It will take a lot of hands and a lot of hearts to make this a success," she said of the new effort to raise the money. "But one thing we have plenty of here is faith. It would be a great comfort for us to be able to open and close our windows."

Richard Liebson, rliebson@lohud.com

Do you think you can help in any way for the Windows Project at Motherhouse after reading the appeal published in the Lohud dated 7/7/2015?

There is also CBS New York news about the windows at Maryknoll Motherhouse appealing for funds. Please check the link below for more details.

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/07/07/nuns-need-windows/>.

(If it doesn't open the site for you, open your browser first and then paste the link to there and open it there.)

Sr. Anastasia's letter of appeal can be found by clicking [here](#). You can send your donation to us to forward it to Motherhouse on your behalf or you can send it directly to Motherhouse, payable to **Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic**, marked for **window renovation**. Their address is:

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