



8th MCS Worldwide Reunion
30th Anniversary of the
MCS Former Students (Ont.)

August 1 ~ 3, 2014
Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Toronto, Canada

Calling all former Maryknoll Convent School friends and teachers!

We have been working very hard to put together a fantastic programme to celebrate two very special events: the 8th MCS Worldwide Reunion and the 30th anniversary of the Ontario MCS Former Students' Association. We hope you will join us!

Four of our dear Maryknoll Sisters, Sister Jeanne Houlihan, Sister Joan Delaney, Sister Teresa Leung and Sister Earnest Chung will be coming up from the Motherhouse to join us in our celebration.

Many of your former teachers will be attending, including Torontonians Ms. Gertrude Chan, Ms. Margaret Der, Ms. Marita Tang, and Ms. Marie Louise Chang to name a few.... and Miss Edith Wong who will be coming all the way from Vancouver!

The Programme:

August 1, Friday: Optional tour to Niagara Falls and a Winery at Niagara-on-the-Lake

August 2, Saturday:

3:00 p.m. Mass at St. Basil's Church

6:00 p.m. Cocktail reception and conducted tour of the Royal Ontario Museum

August 3, Sunday:

During the day. Class gatherings organized by class representatives

5:00 p.m. WWR and 30th Anniversary Dinner at Hyatt Regency Toronto

WWR Hotel:

Hyatt Regency Toronto

370 King Street West, Toronto

We have arranged for a number of special rate hotel rooms at the The Hyatt Regency in downtown Toronto. This is also the hotel where our Gala will be held on the Sunday. The Friday optional tour will also be starting from this location. St. Basil Church and the Royal Ontario Museum are fairly close and easily accessible by public transportation or a short taxi ride.

The Hyatt is located in the heart of Toronto's Entertainment District. It is an area filled with Toronto's past history and is at the same time a centre for dining and theatre. Here you will find the Roy Thomson Hall, the Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts, the Princess of Wales Theatre and the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

The hotel is also in close proximity to major attractions such as the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Beta Shoe Museum, the CN Tower and many more of Toronto's landmark. Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, a \$130 million facility, located next to the CN Tower opened a few months ago. It is a world-class aquarium with nine galleries. For shopaholics, the Hyatt is also close to Toronto's shopping centre, The Eaton Center.

Here are websites where you can explore:

Toronto's attractions: <http://www.toronto.com>

Toronto's restaurants: <http://www.torontolife.com/restaurants/>

Toronto's theatres: <http://www.toronto.com/events/?type=all&tags=theatre>

It is the hope of the Ontario Committee that the out-of-town Maryknollers would bring home with them some good memories of the City of Toronto. The other deciding factor for choosing the Hyatt is because the Ontario Committee is quite confident that the catering manager Celly Kan-Holbrook would do her best to look after her fellow Maryknollers.

We have been given a limited number of rooms at the preferential rate of \$169+ taxes during the WWR period on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please book early with the hotel at <https://aws.passkey.com/event/10726188/owner/1460357/home>

Transportation to and from the airport:

For those Maryknollers who require a transfer from the Pearson International Airport to the Hyatt Regency, there is a shuttle bus that services all the downtown hotels. The buses leave the airport every half hour at 10 minutes and 40 minutes after the hour starting from 5:10a.m., with the last bus leaving at 00:10 a.m. The ticket of \$29.95 per person can be purchased on board the bus.

The Hyatt also provides a pre-booked limousine service at the rate of \$75 from Pearson International Airport. Pre-booking is required 24 hours in advance by calling the hotel concierge at 416-343-1234 providing the name and number of travellers, flight details, the date and time of arrival.

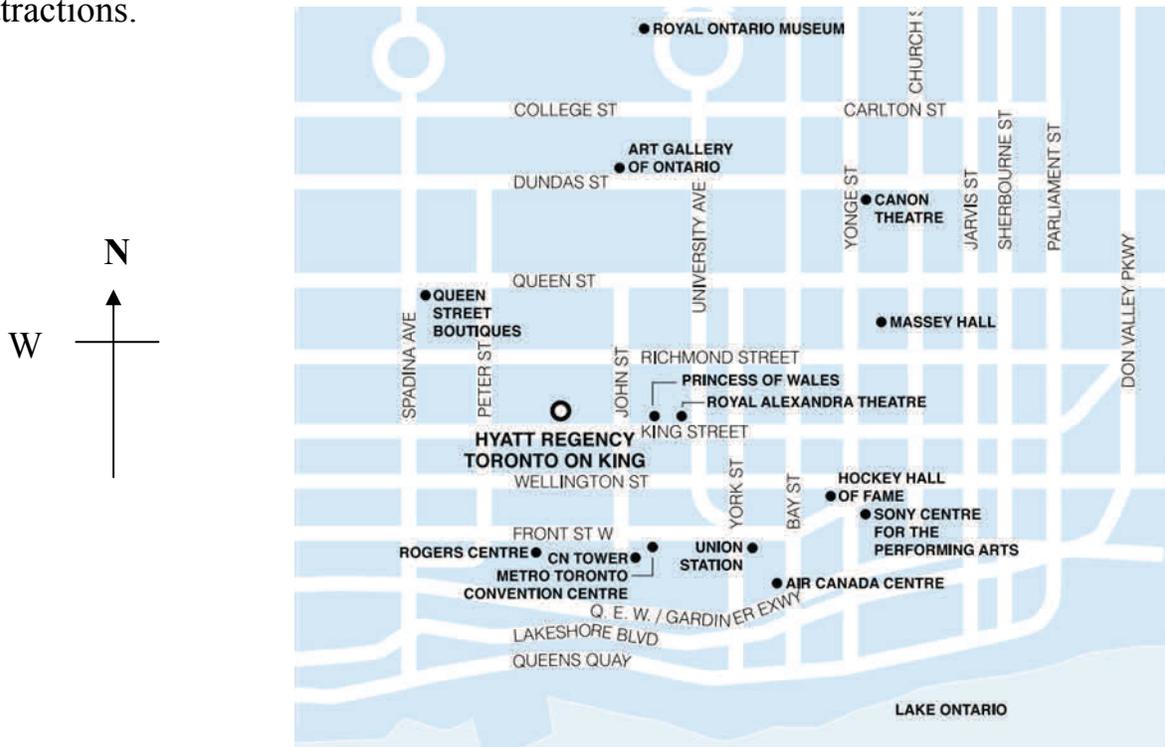
There is also the option of using the services of a Toronto Chinese limousine service called Link Union. Pre-booking is required and the regular pick-up service is \$45 from Pearson International Airport and they are also available to take bookings around the Toronto area by calling 416-299-5999.

Parking:

Overnight parking at the Hyatt is \$32 with in and out privileges. For those attending the Gala, Sunday evening parking rates from 5p.m. to 5 a.m. are only \$6.

Once you are at the hotel you can easily walk to many places. The weather is typically sunny and around 25 celcius. The subway is a mere five-minute walk or two stops on the streetcar that stops in front of the hotel.

For your convenience, this map shows the Hyatt Regency Hotel and its surrounding attractions.



Tour of Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake Wineries, Friday August 1, 2014

There will be an optional group tour on a chartered bus to Niagara Falls. The tour will start from the Hyatt Hotel. The itinerary is being developed but will include a visit to the Falls, a stopover for lunch, wine tasting at a winery or two and possibly a visit to the idyllic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The bus will return to the Hyatt hotel. Detailed information about this tour will be posted on our website as soon as it becomes available.

Mass at St. Basil’s Church: Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 3 p.m.

50 St. Joseph St, Toronto



St. Basil’s Church



Interior View



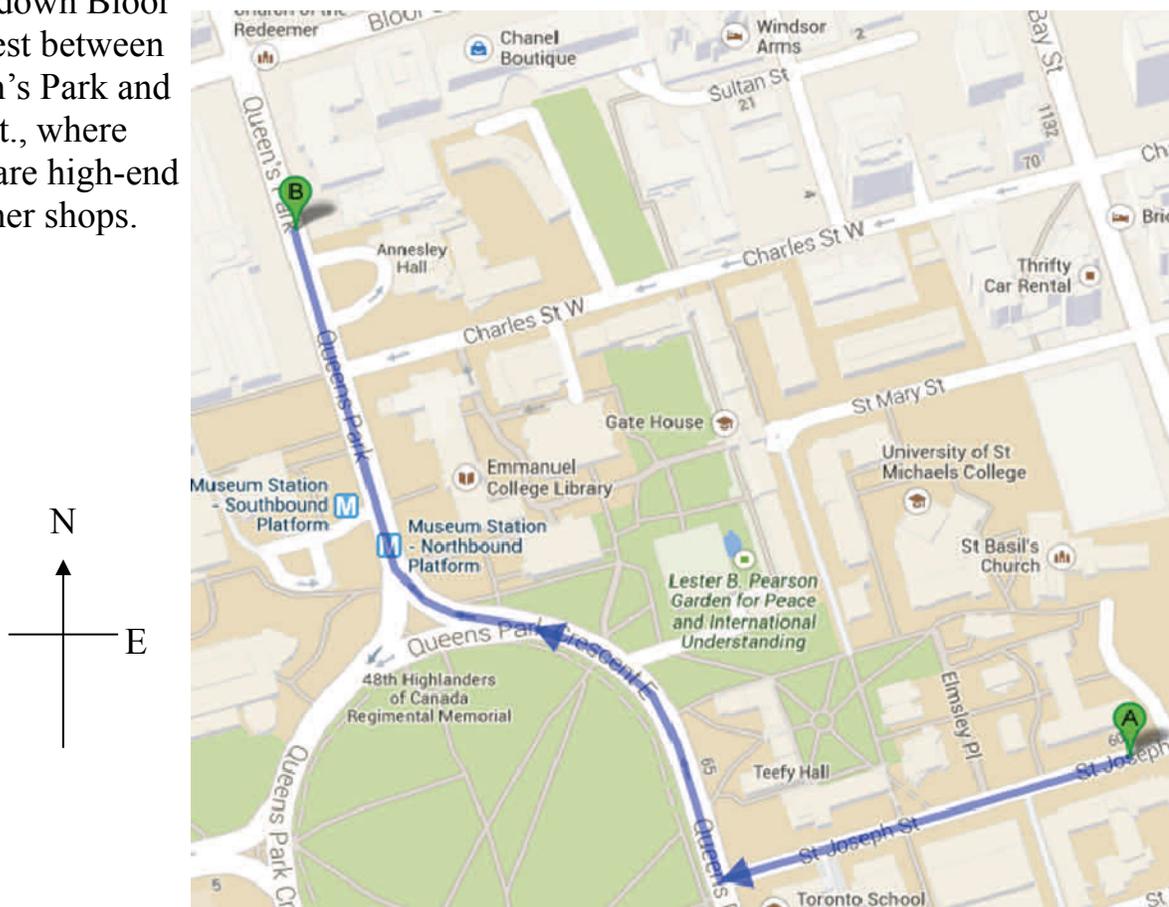
Resurrection Window

St. Basil's Church is located in the heart of downtown Toronto on the St. Michael's College campus, University of Toronto. It is the third oldest Roman Catholic Church in the City. It is a wonderful old church with lots of history, and beautiful surroundings. The Basilian Fathers, the religious order of priests that founded the University of St. Michael's College and St. Basil's Church in 1856, runs the Church to this day.

Father Chris Valka, Pastor of St. Basil's, will celebrate Mass with us. As this Mass is dedicated to Maryknoll's WWR and 30th anniversary of our association, we will choose our own Readings, Responsorial Psalms, Gospel Acclamations, and Prayers of the Faithful. It will be a trip down memory lane when we sing the hymns we sang at Maryknoll along with our very own choir led by Michelle Man ('91). Let us know if you wish to participate in this choir.

Following Mass, we can socialize in the church basement or in the beautiful church garden. It will give us an opportunity to catch up with our schoolmates before we head off to the Royal Ontario Museum for the registration and cocktail reception.

This map shows your 8 minute walk from St. Basil's Church, through the University of Toronto to the Royal Ontario Museum. As a point of interest, you might want to stroll down Bloor St. West between Queen's Park and Bay St., where there are high-end designer shops.



MCS WWR Registration and Reception, Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.
Royal Ontario Museum

100 Queen's Park, Toronto
Main entrance on Bloor Street



The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is among the world's leading museum of natural history and world cultures, attract-



ing over one million visitors a year. The ROM's Chinese collection acquired over the years is one of the best in North America.

The building where we held the last Toronto WWR in 1998 underwent a make-over by the world renowned architect, Daniel Libeskind in 2007. The entrance to the museum is now located on Bloor Street under the stunning Crystal which is now a very important Toronto landmark.

The year 2014 is a very important year at the ROM as it marks its 100th anniversary. We are fortunate to be able to hold our registration and reception in the Curry Gallery on the main floor after the museum is closed to the public that evening. We will be providing private docent tours of the Asian Galleries and, as a special treat, also view the centennial exhibition of the *The Forbidden City: Inside the Court of China's Emperors*, a block buster exhibition on loan from Beijing, beginning March 2014.

If you feel that the night is still young after the ROM reception, there are numerous restaurants and coffee shops in the vicinity where you can continue your soirée.

Class gatherings organized by class representatives, Sunday, August 2, 2014

Class reps from each year or group of years have been asked to organize a day-time activity for their group. If you do not know who your class rep is, please email us and we will ask your class rep to contact you.

WWR and 30th Anniversary dinner, Sunday August 3, 2014 at 5 p.m.

The Hyatt Regency
370 King Street West, Toronto

The event will take place on the entire second floor of the hotel. We will have a registration area in the middle and two large ballrooms on either side. One ballroom will be used as a cocktail reception area and the other for the banquet dinner.

The cocktail reception will be a wonderful opportunity to mingle and catch up with our school friends and share Maryknoll memories. We will have a photographer present to take class photos of each graduation year and every one will receive a complimentary souvenir photo. Bring your own cameras too as there will be lots of time to snap away and create your own album of memories.

The dinner will be a sit-down dinner. We will arrange for students from the same graduation year to sit together. If you have a group of 10, we will gladly seat you together. Remember, all fully paid up tables of 10 will be assigned seating on a first-come first-served basis. Hurry! The tables are selling quickly.

We are also fortunate enough to have as one of our master of ceremonies at our Gala dinner a former MCS student and well-known radio broadcaster and TV personality, Leslie Yip.

Our committee is also working hard at putting together a World Wide Reunion Directory, which will be distributed at the Gala. Your registration information will be included in the directory unless you opt out. We are also searching madly for complimentary Maryknoll souvenirs for you to take home as a wonderful memento of this memorable occasion. This is an event you cannot miss!

Programme

If you are interested in advertising in our programme, please let us know. The cost for a full page is \$300, half page \$150 and the inside back cover \$400.

Inside front \$700 (sold)

Centre pages \$400/page (both pages sold)

Volunteer

Many hands make light work! We need volunteers in many areas. Please email us and let us know if you would like to help!

Registration form: <http://www.mcsontario.org/uploads/documents/WWR%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

Registration Form



**MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL
8TH WORLDWIDE REUNION - TORONTO
MCS FORMER STUDENTS (ONT.) 30TH ANNIVERSARY
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: _____
First Name Maiden Name Married Name

Class of: _____ (Year of graduation in Form 5 or anticipated)

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

The information you have provided above will be included in the 8th WWR directory. If you do not wish to have your information included, please check this box.

Program:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, August 1, 2014	Whole day	Niagara Falls and Wine Tour at Niagara-on-the-Lake (Optional day tour at an additional cost)
Saturday, August 2, 2014	Afternoon	*Celebration Mass at St. Basil (50 Joseph St, Toronto)
	Evening	*Registration, cocktail reception and conducted tour at Royal Ontario Museum (100 Queen's Park, Toronto)
Sunday, August 3, 2014	Day time	Class gatherings organized by class rep / Free time
	Evening	*WWR and 30 th Anniversary Dinner at Hyatt Regency Toronto (370 King Street West, Toronto)

*Package Price: CAD\$350 (Package includes the celebration mass and cocktail reception on Aug 2, WWR dinner on Aug 3, an exclusive WWR souvenir package, a class photo and lots of fond memories!)

Payment must be in Canadian dollars payable to "Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc." by money order or a cheque drawn on a Canadian bank.

Deadline for registration: April 15, 2014

- I would like to reserve a ticket for myself. (Cost: CAD\$350)
- I would like to reserve a table of 10. (Cost: CAD\$3,500).
 - I have enclosed the registration forms for each of the 10 guests.
 - I will send the registration forms for each of the 10 guests at a later date.
- I wish to contribute CAD\$_____ to help defray the Sisters'/teachers' expenses in attending the WWR.

Please mail the cheque to: P.O. Box 91070, 2901 Bayview Ave., North York ON M2K 2Y6 Canada.

Notes:

- 1) You will receive a confirmation by email when we receive your registration form and cheque.
- 2) Table allocation will be based on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- 3) For updates, please check our website at <http://www.mcsontario.org>.
- 4) If you have any questions, you can contact us at mcswwr2014@gmail.com.
- 5) Registration is not refundable.
- 6) A limited amount of special rate hotel rooms (CAD\$169 + tax per night) at Hyatt Regency Toronto are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please go to https://resweb.gassky.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10726188 to reserve your room.

X _____
Signature

Date

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<http://www.mcsontario.org>

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