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"When the angels went away, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened.' They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the Baby lying in a manger." (Lk 2:15)



Christmas Message

Maryknoll Sisters, P.O. Box 317, Maryknoll N.Y. 10545 - 0317

The Maryknoll Sisters have hurried off to 31 countries throughout the world to find the Baby, the Son of God dwelling among the poor and disadvantaged. By their love and care as medical doctors and nurses, educators, social workers, catechists and pastoral workers, and even agronomists, we reveal the presence of Jesus, the great Gift of the Father to all His children wherever they may be. Regardless of the date, "Merry Christmas" is quite appropriate at any time that situations of poverty, ignorance, or sufferings are alleviated. It is then that the presence of Jesus dwelling among us is truly realized. By your prayers and financial support of our mission works, you can give a "Merry Christmas" to many who have not yet experienced one. Your contribution of \$5, \$25, \$100 or more, if possible, will permit a Maryknoll Sister to reach out to those in need. Thank you for assisting us to assist others. Our prayers accompany this appeal that you and yours will be greatly blessed as once again you rejoice in the Gift of the father to us - His own Son, who truly dwells among us. Have a **Merry Christmas** every day of the **New Year**. Sincerely, gratefully in Christ Jesus,
Sister Lori Beinkafner

Maryknoll Sisters are a separate entity from all other Maryknoll organizations and must raise their own funds. Please visit our website at: <http://sisters.maryknoll.org>
If you would like more information, you can e-mail me at Lbeinkafner@mksisters.org

Report on the 4th Networking Dinner

Kathy King, President

The 4th networking dinner was held on Friday, November 14, 2003 at Spring Villa Restaurant, Markham. Over 60 members and friends attended. This year we have six Academic Achievement Award recipients and the evening was complemented with an informative power-point presentation by Dr. Collin Hong on cosmetic surgery.

After answering questions from the audience, Dr. Hong talked about the various aspects of cosmetic surgery, such as Asian eyes, chemical peels, eyelids, facelift, forehead lift, laser eyelid surgery, laser skin resurfacing, lip lift, liposuction, rhinoplasty, tummy tuck, botox and collagen injections, fat transfer, hair removal, laser wrinkle removal, rejuvenation, scars and stretchmarks. Many questions were raised pertaining to looking "forever young". The newest fad is the Intense Pulsed Light Therapy (IPL) which is non-invasive treatment that erases skin damage



IPL machine

without disruption of the skin's surface.

To everyone's surprise, cosmetic surgery can be performed by anyone and he/she doesn't even need to be a medical doctor! The lesson here is, be extremely careful when choosing a surgeon for cosmetic procedures.

Make sure the end result looks natural and not too much of a difference so no one recognizes you.

Everyone had an enjoyable evening and if this is how members feel, the committee will certainly continue to organize more talks and dinners on topics that are of interest to us.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish everyone a fun-filled holiday season. Remember, "laughter is the best medicine". Be happy, stay healthy, and wrinkles will stay away.

Our 5th MCS Worldwide Reunion

The reunion is scheduled for Friday, August 6, 2004 - Sunday, August 8, 2004, in New York. Your committee has been planning with a travel agency to charter 2 or more motor coaches to provide us transportation and accommodation, return trip starting from Toronto. When you send in your application to book your trip, please make sure your cheque is enclosed. Your seat will only be guaranteed upon receipt of your payment. In our May 2003 newsletter, we've given you an approximate cost of the bus plus hotel package. We'll give you a more accurate price once the travel agent has finalized the booking. Your area representatives are Marie Louise Rocha Chang, Nora Ho Man, Patricia Ho Wu, Anna Lee Lee and Nena Noronha. You can check with them or any of your committee members any time.

The organizing committee in New York has arranged a three day schedule. For those members who have access to the internet, please check on their website for the most up-to-date information and any last minute changes. The address is www.mcsnewyork.org or www.mcswwr2004nyc.org.

Friday, August 6, 2004

To start our reunion, MCS New York will welcome you at an opening reception at the historic and newly renovated Warwick Hotel where the Beatles and other famous people made this their New York home. Our souvenir committee will have gift bags for you when you register. This elegant affair will be the setting for greeting classmates, teachers, Sisters. Ample buttered hors d'oeuvres and complimentary drinks will be served throughout the evening, so you could skip dinner that night and just keep on catching up with all your friends. Time for Class Photos!!!!

Alternatively, you can go to visit the Sisters at the Mother House.

What better way to Celebrate the Legacy of Maryknoll than a visit to the place where it all started! After a short bus ride (a little over an hour) to the Center, you will spend about three hours walking around the grounds, visiting the Heritage Museum with photos, stories, and artifacts from the early history of the Maryknoll founders, visiting the gravesites of our beloved teachers who have passed on, and touring the Maryknoll Fathers' Seminary.

The bus will pick you up at 9:30a.m. and return to the city by 3:30p.m.

The cost will be approximately \$30.00 for the bus and a box lunch. If you are interested in this trip, please sign up let your area representative know so that we can let the Sisters know how many people to expect.

Reunion Dinner is at Chelsea Piers.

To cap the day off, we will meet again for a fabulous gala dinner in trendy Chelsea, right on the Hudson river with spectacular views of the skyline and our beloved Statue of Liberty at sunset. A photographer will be on hand for candid shots during the cocktail reception, then we will sit down for an elegant three-course dinner. With speeches and camaraderie, this will be a truly memorable New York evening.



Saturday, August 7, 2004 **Sunday, August 8, 2004**

You can go shopping on Fifth /Madison Avenues or in Soho and Chelsea, cruises around Manhattan, visits to our famous museums, art galleries, historic sites, the Statue of Liberty, Broadway matinees, bus and walking tours, are some of the optional events. Wendy

Segal is arranging for your day (wendys@tzell.com, a Maryknoller at your service). In the evening, the REUNION DINNER will be at Chelsea Piers, on the Hudson River, with a view of the Statue of Liberty.

Sunday Mass is in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue. It is the largest decorated gothic-style Catholic Cathedral in the United States.

To cap off our reunion, there will be a farewell party. The rest of the day is free: shopping at world's largest department store, Macy's, or designer shops on Fifth and Madison Avenues, in Soho and Chelsea, cruises around Manhattan, visits to our famous museums, art galleries, historic sites, a concert at the Mostly Mozart Festival, a free ferry ride past the Statue of Liberty and lots more!! OR

Just chit chat and have DIM SUM WITH YOUR FRIENDS!!!



St. Patrick's Cathedral

Welcome to New Members

We are happy and excited to report that we have two new members joining our family. They are:

Shirley Leung Cheng - 1958, sister of Rosalind Lo and Belinda Tang and hopefully we can recruit her other sister Katherine Tso (?) as well.

Betty Wong - 1996. She came to Canada after Form 1 and is now working in CIBC after graduating from University of Toronto.

We wish our new members enjoy camaraderie and friendship in our alumni.

NEWS UPDATE

The cheque sent to New York Motherhouse is
U.S. \$65,966.35.
 This is the total amount raised from the Forever-Green-Gala held in September 2003.

Congratulations to



Noellie Minhinnett, mother of Bryan Minhinnett who married Shirley Azachee on Saturday, September 13, 2003 in Brampton, Ontario.

Parents **Alice Chang Wong & David Wong** whose son Justin Paul Wong married Linda Chow on Saturday, September 13, 2003 in Thornhill, Ontario.

Alexandra Ngan, one of the nine recipients of the **Chinese Canadian Legend 2003 Award** on October 25, 2003 at Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel.



The Chinese Canadian Legend is initiated by the Asian Business Network Association and the award honours people who make valuable contributions to the Country by fostering energetic spirit and positive thinking, promoting the edge of cultural diversity and encouraging effective understanding, human relations, and harmony among people.

Our Academic Award Recipients

who had obtained an overall average of above 80% in their best six Ontario Academic Courses, Grade 12 University, Grade 12 University/College or Grade 12 College Preparation Courses. They are:

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| David Tomkun | son of Victoria Ho Tomkun |
| Victoria Ng | daughter of Alexandra Ngan Ng |
| Jaclyn Beca | daughter of Judy Yeung Beca |
| Karen Lee | daughter of Anita Cheong Lee |
| Michael Tang | son of Belinda Leung Tang |
| *Melissa Lui | daughter of May Leung Lui |
| *Honorary mention, selected but unfortunately could not attend the award ceremony. | |



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If you wish to continue to receive your copy of our newsletter after you've moved, please fill out the change of address notification form below and mail or fax to :

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 Year of Form 5 _____ Year Left Maryknoll _____

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 Apt. No. _____ City _____ Postal Code _____
 New Home Phone No. _____ Work Phone No. _____
 Cell Phone No. _____ E-mail Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____