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The Committee wishes our members the best of everything in the Year of the RAT.

*“May our hearts be warm with love as we struggle to stay warm in this icy winter. **Happy New Year to all Maryknollers in Toronto.**”*

Lovingly, SRose

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### Maryknoll Convent School Welcomes Government Proposal for Declaration as Monument

We remember so well the time spent in these familiar surroundings. Now time has come for the [Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Antiquities and Monuments Office](#) of the Hong Kong government

to declare the school building as a monument. Sr. Jeanne Houlihan, Chairperson of the Maryknoll Convent School Foundation Council, writes, today, (25 January). “We welcome Government’s proposal to declare the Maryknoll Convent School building as a monument. It has been a Grade III historic building since 1992. We have just celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007.”

The building was completed in 1937 and has been an icon for Maryknoll Convent School. The Maryknoll Sisters have maintained the tradition of providing quality education affordable to all. Many of their graduates over the years serve the community in different capacities

In order for the building to be declared as a monument, it must meet all the following criteria: 1. Historic Value, 2. Architectural Value, 3. Authenticity, 4. Rarity, 5. Integrity, 6. Social Value and Maryknoll Convent School has met them all.

*“Once a building has been declared a proposed monument, it will be subject to stringent controls provided for under the ordinance. These include the prohibition of any building or other works to demolish, remove, obstruct, deface or interfere with a proposed monument unless a permit is granted by the Antiquities Authority.”*

From the Press Release of the Development Bureau of Hong Kong.



gia, New Jersey, Germany, England, local GTA, and fifteen husbands, attended the reunion. By way of sharing blessings, donations to Maryknoll Mother House were made.

**MC** class of '57 celebrated their Golden Anniversary of Graduation with a home potluck Welcoming Party, a 3-Day charter bus trip to Ottawa-Montreal/Quebec City; and a Farewell Day with DIM SUM hosted by participants from far away, followed by another home gathering and a restaurant Chinese Banquet. Former classmates from Australia, Hawaii, California, Washington State, Vancouver, Saskatchewan, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Germany, England, local GTA, and fifteen husbands, attended the reunion. By way of sharing blessings, donations to Maryknoll Mother House were made.

Photo: From L-R **Front row:** Irene Djao, Winnie Chan, Margaret Yen, Etta Chan, Eileen Mah.  
**Flanking cake:** Beatrice Chan, Maria Gonsalves, Ann Chang, May Wong  
**2nd Row:** Frances Kwong, Hilda Ho, Linda Wu, Shirley Yik, Dorothy Melbye, Cecile Lou, Marie Pinna, Eva Chu  
**Back row:** Yvonne Djao, Lucy Luk, Lily Wong, Florentina Chang, Rosemary Ng, Maureen Djeng, Julietta De Souza, Aline Peng, Cecilia Da Roza, Rebekah Wong, Natalia Da Roza, Jane Lee, Joan Ngai, Marie Helena Noronha, Noellie Nair.

## Academic Achievement Awards Dinner



Our 2007 Academic Achievement Awards Dinner was held at the Galaxy Restaurant on 2nd December 2007. Even though the weather was not ideal that night, we had 29 attendants plus 1 guest speaker.

Our two AAA recipients were, **Chelsea Chan**, daughter of Christine Cheung (1971), and **Alison Little**, daughter of Linda da Rocha (also 1971). Chelsea won a scholarship to attend Carlton University in Ottawa, where she is enrolled in a 5-year co-op program in Architecture. Alison was also offered scholarships to a number of universities. She chose to attend the University of Guelph with the goal of getting into the Masters of Veterinarian Science program after she graduates from her Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Science.

Dinner was lovely as usual. After dinner, Shirley Lo, our guest speaker and member, enlightened us with her professional advice in areas such as Pre-Nuptial Agreements,

gifts or loans, etc. The topic of Shirley's presentation is "TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE (to your children)... THAT IS THE QUESTION"

Shirley Lo graduated from the University of Hong Kong and in 1981 she was admitted to practise as a solicitor in England and Wales. In 1992 she graduated from the University of Western Ontario and was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor. She now has her own practice in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Thank you everyone for supporting this event and congratulations to Christine and Alison!



Congratulations to **Juliana Shee Joe**, (1955) pictured with her first grand-child, Stellan Joe Kirk Jenson, born on December 11, 2007 in Paris, France.

Juliana writes, "He is so cute. I try to call Paris everyday and see how he is behaving."

Typical grandma doting on the first born of her daughter!!

# PRAYER CORNER

We believe in religious freedom and tolerance. In this corner, we print what you like us to pray for you and those dear to you. Here we like to pray for the repose of the souls of

**William C. C. Chung**, passed away peacefully at 3:00 am on Nov. 9, 2007 in Toronto, after having been baptized (Joseph) just a few hours before. He was the father of **Nancy Chung Yeung** (1959), **Ellis Emma Chung** (1960) who passed away in 1986, and **Sr. Earnest Chung MM** (1960).

**Mary Van**, mother of **Ludia Au Fong**, passed away peacefully on November 7, 2007, at the Branson Hospital in Richmond Hill, at the age of 90. She will be remembered for her love to her children, and her generosity to those in need of help.

**Marie Helena (Marlene, Mylene) Noronha Yen**, (1957)



1940—2008

Passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in her 68<sup>th</sup> year. Beloved wife of Bernard for over 41 years, loving mother of Derek and his wife Toni and Michael and his wife Melissa. cherished grandma to Timothy, Andrew, Ethan and Nicholas, survived by her dear brother Jerry (Margaret) and sisters Lucille, Anne and sister-in-law Nena and pre-deceased by her brother Edo and brother-in-law Ricardo. She will be missed and lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

## Biennial General Meeting

It is time again to hold our General Meeting to elect a new committee. Please mark down the date: **Friday, May 16, 2008.**

Venue: **Granite Club,**  
 2350 Bayview Ave., North York,, ON. M2L 1E4  
 Tel. 416-449-8713  
[www.graniteclub.com](http://www.graniteclub.com)

Cost: **\*\$35.00**  
 Pay parking is available.

Dress code **informal business attire**

Time: registration 6.30 p.m.  
 meeting 7.00 p.m.  
 dinner 7.30 p.m.

The package for the meeting will be sent out to you in due course. Meanwhile please scout around for members who are willing and can afford some time for the running of the association. We would be asking for nominations in the Meeting notice you'll receive.

Please complete the reply form and send it back to us no later than March 28, 2008 so we can confirm the booking.

*\*(This event is partially subsidized by the association. If any member cancels within 24 hours or does not turn up, she will have to pay the full cost which is substantially higher.)*

### Coming Event in October 2008

By popular request, we're having a Bingo afternoon, followed by a dinner when we also give out the Academic Achievement Awards. Please watch out for more details in the next issue of the newsletter. You can also voice your opinion at the May AGM dinner as to what activities you are interested in.

### Reply Form

Please complete this form and mail it (together with your cheque, payable *Maryknoll Cpnvent Former Students (Ont.) Inc.* to:

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## Welcome New Member

We are very happy to welcome **Mildred WU Sum** (1962) to our Maryknoll family in Toronto. Like so many of us, she always has her alma mater in mind and would not hesitate to help out when called upon to do so.

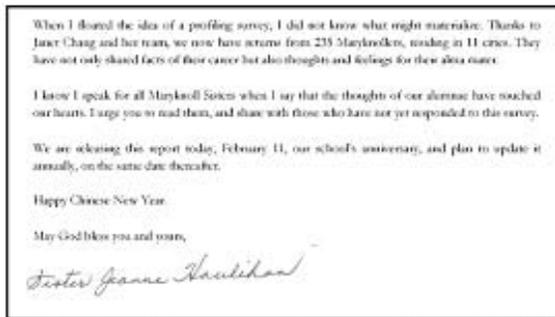
Congratulations Millie. We'll be seeing more of you from now on.

# SURVEY REPORT

Released February 11, 2008

## Foreword

by Sister Jeanne Houlihan, Chairperson of Maryknoll Foundation and Supervisor of MCS Secondary Section



The Foreword by Sr. Jeanne is too indistinct to be read so it is re-typed for easier reading.

*When I floated the idea of a profiling survey, I did not know what might materialize. Thanks to Janet Chang and her team, we now have returns from 235 Maryknollers, residing in 11 cities. They have not only shared facts of their career but also thoughts and feelings for their alma mater.*

*I know I speak for all Maryknoll Sisters when I say that the thoughts of our alumnae have touched our hearts. I urge you to read them and share with those who have not yet responded to this survey.*

*We are releasing this report today, February 11, our school's anniversary, and plan to update it annually, on the same date thereafter.*

*Happy Chinese New Year.*

*May God bless you and yours,*

*Sister Jeanne Houlihan*

In our October 2007 issue of the newsletter, we sent you the request from Sr. Jeanne asking you to take part in the survey of Maryknollers. The 1st edition of the report is released, but strictly confidential among Maryknollers.

“All our sharing across the decades, has also been uploaded on the Foundation website for viewing. Please go to [www.mcs.edu.hk](http://www.mcs.edu.hk) and click the Survey and Forms box.”.....Janet Chang



## Are You Moving or Have You Moved?

**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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