

2009 Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary



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Kung Hei Fat Choy to all! May the Year of the Ox bring you Health, Happiness and a speedy recovery from the economic crisis that is happening all over the world.

Year 2009 marks a milestone for our association. It is our 25th anniversary! We have accomplished so much. Who would have imagined that from a small group of Maryknollers who gathered to form the Ontario Chapter Alumni, we would now have over 200+ members in Ontario! And, we are very proud to be the first alumni to raise funds for our beloved Maryknoll Sisters at the Motherhouse.

On Saturday, June 13, 2009, we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary with a gala dinner. Your committee has already started on a program that will include various entertainment. Your support is essential to make this a success.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR – SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009.

In closing, I wish you all, once again, the very best for 2009 and look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

God Bless,
Ludia Fong, President

Sr. Joan Delaney (Albertus Marie) would like to convey her wishes for a Blessed 2009 to the Ontario former students. She is now residing in Monrovia and her address is 340 Norumbega Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016. She would love to hear from all her former students. Her email address is: joandelaney@juno.com.

Easy ways you can help to celebrate our 25th Anniversary

1. Attendance (Come join us for an enjoyable evening.)
2. Raffle ticket prizes
3. Table sponsorship
4. Advertising in our programme book
5. Donation

If you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any committee member. We are only too glad to help.

Sponsorship Options

Please complete this form to indicate how you or your company would like to support the 2009 25th Anniversary Gala.

A. Sponsorship preference

- Presenter Sponsor** \$5,000 \$ _____
 (20 gala tickets, full centerfold advertisement, preferred seating)
- Diamond Sponsor** \$2,000 \$ _____
 (10 gala tickets, full page advertisement, preferred seating)
- Gold Sponsor** \$1,500 \$ _____
 (10 gala tickets, ½ page advertisement, preferred seating)

B. Additional Gala tickets

_____ tickets at \$100 each \$ _____

C. We would like to make a donation to Maryknoll Sisters in New York (Motherhouse)

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

We're celebrating the anniversary at the Toronto Granite Club, 2350 Bayview Ave., North York.
www.graniteclub.com Details are as follows:

Cost	\$100.00	Pay parking is available.
Time	Registration	6.30 p.m.
	Dinner	7 p.m.
	Dancing	10 p.m. - midnight
Dress code	Informal business attire	

The evening entertainment includes performances by highly talented children and video presentation of MCS filmed by Radio Hong Kong. All participants are presented souvenirs of the school and table prizes donated by members. The lucky ones also carry away raffle prizes too. The evening promises to be full of enjoyment. Do respond early to reserve your place. You deserve to be rewarded for your loyalty to Maryknoll and the association.

Programme Book Advertising Rates

Publication Date: June 13, 2009

Advertising Rates:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Inside Back Cover	4.75" x 7.5"	\$300
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Page	4.75" x 7.5"	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/>	Half Page	4.75" x 3.5"	\$80

Sponsor's logo* – Send camera-ready artwork and cheque no later than Tuesday, May 5, 2009.
Gala programme book advertisements* – Send camera-ready artwork and cheque no later than Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

*Graphic advertisements should be .pdf, .ai or .tiff, 300+ dpi, greytone (black and white). Microsoft Word files are acceptable for plain-text advertisements.

To place an advertisement or congratulatory message in the Gala programme book, please complete this reservation form and email to Gertrude Chan, antrude@rogers.com. We require your camera-ready artwork and cheque no later than Tuesday, **May 5, 2009**.

Corporation: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone #: _____

Signature: _____

Please make cheque payable to:
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PRAYER CORNER

Pandora Yin Han HO passed away from cancer, in Toronto, Canada on September 19, 2008.

Pandora's journey on earth, though shorter than average, was lived to the fullest. She started her kindergarten at Maryknoll Convent School and finished Form 5 in 1976 when she emigrated to Toronto, Canada with her family. As a child and teenager she won many art contests and swimming competitions. After settling in Canada, she excelled academically and graduated from the University of Toronto and the Ontario College of Art and Design. She also received photography awards from Sing Tao Newspaper and Sheridan College. Since 1987, she built up Creative Empire Inc.- one of the first advertising agencies which has helped to market Canadian corporations to the burgeoning Chinese Canadian community. It has engaged in product launching campaigns and corporation marketing programs in all facets of advertising for both the mainstream Canadian and Chinese Canadian communities.



As the youngest sister among six elder sisters and an older brother (all of them Maryknollers, even the brother completed primary 6 there), Pandora is dearly loved by them all. Everyone who has known Pandora can attest to the love, concern and sincerity that she showered from her heart. Being an optimistic person, she loved life intensely and dedicated herself whole-heartedly to all that she ventured. She was a champion in ballroom dancing competitions. She was a volunteer for numerous organizations and for several years, Palliative Care hospice before her diagnosis of illness. She was a pet lover who had a bilingual budgie and had hand-raised a puppy with cleft palate.

Pandora has lived a life like condensed chicken soup, full of flavour. She was a successful business woman, a loving sister, a caring daughter, a creative adventurer and a brave person who had endured many life and health adversities. She now rests in peace and is reunited with her loved parents in heaven. Pandora will always be in the hearts of those who know her.



Mrs. **Hylda CHRISTIE** passed away peacefully in her native land, Dundee, Scotland on September 20, 2008 after a short illness. She started teaching at MCS in the 1960s and stayed till the 1990s.

Many girls had her for their teacher in English and Mathematics. She is fondly missed by her students and colleagues at Maryknoll.

BARRADAS, Bruno. Died peacefully on November 13, 2008. Beloved husband of Nancy (nee Prata - '58). Brother of Ilma Carvalho who was one of the first MCS students in Kowloon (pre-war); and Therese da Rocha (also a pre-war Maryknoller). Uncle of Linda da Rocha Little ('71) and Regina da Rocha Chan ('73). Brother-in-law of Nena Prata Noronha ('60)

Welcome New Member

We are very happy to welcome **Irene LEGAY** (1969) 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.

After having worked in Singapore for 20 years, Irene settled in Toronto 2 years ago and has since been surfing the web for news of MCS.

Congratulations Irene. Now that you've found us, we'll be seeing more of you from now on.

Bingo Night / AAA Dinner



On October 26, 2008, 60 members and their friends attended the bingo night at which the Academic Achievement Award was given to **Joseph Tang**, son of **Simon** and **Belinda Leung TANG** (1972). It was a fun-filled evening

enjoyed by all. Participants requested to have this event again in the near future.