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Important Announcement
**The next WWR will be in Toronto.
Please read the letter from Sr. Jeanne.**



Dear Maryknollers,

During our 7th WWR celebration dinner on February 21, 2010, Maryknollers voted to have the next reunion in Vancouver. Unfortunately, they are not able to do this and asked the Toronto Chapter to take it. Toronto graciously replied “yes”. To make the celebration more meaningful, the Toronto girls asked to co-celebrate their Chapter’s 30th Anniversary and the WWR in 2014. I support this decision and know that you too will understand that circumstances have changed our original plans.

Sr. Jeanne Houlihan

Save the Date
August 1 - 3, 2014
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
8th MCS Worldwide Reunion
and
30th Anniversary of
MCS Former Students (Ont.) Inc.



January 14, 2011

Dear Jacqueline and New Committee Members,

I am writing this to congratulate you for being elected to the Members Committee for 2010 to 2012. We thank you for accepting such important positions to give a bonding force to all the Maryknollers Ontario, to continue the Maryknoll family spirit, caring for one another; to carry out the legacy of the Maryknoll spirit handed down to you by Mother Mary Joseph, our Foundress, through the Maryknoll Sisters, and to lavish boundless love on the Maryknoll Sisters.

At the same time, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the outgoing Committee Members. Under the capable leadership of Ludia Fong, you have accomplished tremendous things, cherishing the spirit of friendship, deepening your faith in God, and calling forth loyalty to the Maryknoll Sisters. Thus, the Association can flourish and grow to a greater extent.

As the Centennial of the Maryknoll Sisters is approaching in the Year 2012, it is our hope that you will join us in the celebration in whatever way you may creatively think of, especially in songs of praise to God Who loves us unceasingly.

In particular, we would like to thank you for your contributions to us last year: \$1,500.00 sent through the Association; \$3,100.00 sent directly to the Alumnae Office, and \$845.00 for the making of the documentary film of the Maryknoll Sisters, making a total of US\$5,445.00. I am sure there are more that did not go through my office but went directly to the Development Department. For all these which represent your kindness, thoughtfulness and care, we are most grateful.

Please be assured of prayers, accompanying you in your journey of life by offering our suffering, diminishment and weakness in health to the praise and glory of the God of Love and Compassion. May God unfold to you the mystery in store for you, and blessings, joy, peace as well as challenges which are so much an essential part to our growth.

Gratefully,

Sister Teresa Leung

MCS/MSS Alumnae Liaison



Congratulations



Born to **Petrina Louey and Vincent Lam**, cute and handsome twin boys ~ Joshua and Johannes ~ known already to many as "JJ", just turned one in February this year.

They had a wonderful celebration with their

grandfather and grandmother (Petrina's in-laws) who travelled from Vancouver to celebrate with them in Hong Kong!

JJ are always full of energy, and are keeping their mother very busy. Not only are they starting to walk, but they are also even more eager to speak: uttering different sounds nonstop, thinking we adults should understand what they are saying.

At playgroup, their different characters are very evident as Joshua likes to "socialize" a lot and Johannes, having the character of his father, always looks serious and deep in thought.

"JJ" send you all their love and a big hug!!

May They Rest In Peace

Sister Virginia Flagg (Sister Stella Marie)



was born in Yonkers, NY in 1912, the same year that Mother Mary Joseph Rogers founded the Maryknoll Sisters! After finishing one year in Mt. St. Vincent College, NYC, she joined Maryknoll in 1930 from St. Dennis Parish, Yonkers, NY. She earned a B.A. in English from Mt. St. Vincent College and was assigned to Manchuria in 1935, never expecting to see her family again. During WWII, Sister Virginia was interned for two years in Dairen and Shanghai and repatriated in 1943 on the M.S. Gripsholm, after 75 days at sea.

After teaching ten years in Hawaii, she became Superior and Principal of Transfiguration Convent and School, Chinatown, NY. This led to Hong Kong where she was Sister Superior of the Maryknoll Sisters in the Far East. Sister later became Principal of the Maryknoll Sisters School on Blue Pool Road.

Back in the States, Sister Virginia earned an M.A. in Administration and Supervision in Education from St. John's University. She was Dean of Rogers College and Director of Continuing Education. Her leadership qualities were tapped as Coordinator of Maryknoll Sisters Center; Monrovia Retirement Community; and Certified Director of Activities in Maryknoll Residential Care.

Sister Virginia was our closest link to Mother Mary Joseph and the 'early days of Maryknoll.' She added beauty and shared her spirituality as an artist and poet. We will miss her very much.



Maria Tang-Tse (Mother of Margaret Tse Sie – MCS '78) passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, after an eight month courageous fight with colon cancer in Toronto. She was surrounded by her family and loved ones at her bedside in Toronto General Hospital.

Maria was born in Guangzhou on November 26, 1929. She received her early childhood education in Shanghai. Maria also attended Pui Ching Primary School in Hong Kong; True Light Primary School in Guangzhou and Hip Woo Primary School in Macau. Her middle school years were spent at Wah Ying Middle School at Fat Shan, Guangdong province, China. Maria then went to Fu Ren University in Beijing to study Childhood Education.

Upon returning to Hong Kong, Maria was trained to be a Registered Nurse at the Hong Kong Sanatorium. Maria was married to Dr. David Tse in 1957.

Maria is survived by her husband, Dr. David Tse and their four children: Frederick, Gregory, Margaret and Esther Tse.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church, on February 26, 2011 in Markham, Ontario.



Lily Wai-Hung Chung Chan (Dec. 25, 1912 – March. 30, 2011)

With profound sadness, Gertrude (MCS '55), Winnie (MCS '57), Pearl (MCS '63), Tony (MCS '54 - 60) and William (MCS '54 - 60), announce the passing of their mother, Lily Chan, in Toronto.

Lily was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to Canada with her husband, Asa, in 1985 to join their children.

Lily was highly regarded by her family as well as in her community. She attended Sacred Heart Canossian College on Cain Road, Hong Kong. To her, education was of prime importance and she encouraged everyone to pursue it to the fullest. Lily had a special knack for numbers and could remember and recite everyone's phone numbers – a feat that few can surpass!

Knitting was another one of Lily's special talents. During her 98 years of lifespan, she must have knitted hundreds of items – coats, suits, sweaters, vests, hats, scarves, socks, mittens, cushions, dolls, blankets etc. Anything that one would name, Lily could knit – without the use of a pattern! Her superb craftsmanship won her a "runner-up" title in one of Hong Kong's Knitting Competitions.

Needless to say, playing mahjong was Lily's passion. That was her most favorite pastime. Since she outlived the majority of her mahjong contemporaries, she condescended to playing with her three daughters. Believe it or not, at the very last mahjong game played three months ago, Lily beat all three daughters to the pulp! She was a sharp cookie till the very end!

Grandma Lily took great pride and pleasure in her grand children Christine, Eugene Ng and Michael Tam. However the icing on her cake would have to be her little sweetheart, great-granddaughter Arica Lily Ng.

Planned Events for Family and Friends !!!

◇	Saturday, May 28, 2011	Buffalo Shopping Tour
◇	Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011	Fall Colours & Winery Tour
◇	Mid November 2011	Bingo Night cum Dinner
◇	June 2012	Golf Tournament
◇	October 27, 2012	Maryknoll Sisters Centenary Celebrations - Bazaar & Visit to Mother house in New York.
	<i>(Note: Volunteer workers are requested. Please contact any Committee Member for details and arrangements.)</i>	
◇	Aug. 1 - 3, 2014	8th MCS Worldwide Reunion and 30th Anniversary of MCS Former Students (Ont.) Inc.

General Information for Buffalo Shopping Tour - Saturday, May 28, 2011

First Pick-up time in Toronto : 7.30 a.m.
Time leaving Buffalo : 6.00 p.m.
Malls to visit : WALDEN Galleria & LEWISTON Fashion Outlet Mall
 (There will not be any stops at Duty Free Shops.)
Coach : Supplied by **Year Round Travel**
Cost per person : C\$45.00 (includes round trip coach ride, tax, gratuity for driver, bottled water, light snacks on board. Meals are not included.)
Registration Form and payment - to be received latest by Friday, May 6, 2011. No cancellation or refund after this date. Cheques should be made payable to *Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc.* and mailed to P.O. Box 20056, Nymark Postal Outlet, 4839 Leslie Street, North York, ON M2J 5E4.
Confirmation date for tour to go ahead - to be confirmed week of May 9, 2011. (Minimum of 40 persons is required.)
Pickup points - Scarborough, 401/Yonge, and Mississauga - exact location and time to be confirmed week of May 9, 2011.
Important Notes
 The following are general reminders only. Please verify your individual requirements with the appropriate authorities.
 1. Canadian nationals normally do not require a visa for entering the USA, but a valid passport for the duration of the visit.
 Please ensure that your passport is valid. Nationals entering the USA under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) require individual biometric passports or machine-readable passports valid for at least 90 days from the date of entry, and are to provide details on-line 72 hours prior to travel. Nationals who require a visa are requested to apply accordingly in advance.
 2. Individuals are required to make their own personal insurance arrangements.

- NO alcoholic beverages and tobacco products may be purchased during this trip in view of Custom complications affecting this tour.
- You may like to visit the Canadian Border Services Agency website for information on your personal duties exemptions
<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5056-eng.html>

Registration Form

Full Name (as per Passport) _____
 Home telephone no. _____
 Cell phone no. (if any) _____
 Email address _____
 Pickup point desired _____
 (Scarborough / 401 & Yonge / Mississauga)

Full Name (as per Passport) _____
 Home telephone no. _____
 Cell phone no. (if any) _____
 Email address _____
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Please attach list as per details above if more than two persons registering.

Total Number of Persons Travelling _____
 Total Amount enclosed _____

Name (please print) _____
 Signature _____
 Date _____