



Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)

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Centennial of the Maryknoll Sisters

2012 will be a year of celebrations. It is the Centennial of the Maryknoll Sisters. There will be celebrations at the Motherhouse in New York and also all over the world. We are hoping that all our Ontario members will join in to make it a very special year.

- The **2012** Centennial events at the Motherhouse include:
- Jan. 6 Opening Liturgy/Ritual
 - Jan. 7 Reflection Day
 - Jan. 8 Opening Liturgy/Ritual
 - Feb. 5 Interfaith Harmony Prayer Day
 - Mar. 4 Sixth Annual Music for the World Concert
 - April 20-21 Congregation's Mission Symposium
 - May 20-21 Liturgical Concert
 - June 2 Dedication Garden of Gratitude & Promise
 - June 3 Celebration of Land Preservation
 - Sept. 29-30 Mission Symposium
 - Oct. 27 International Bazaars/Multicultural Festival
 - Nov. 2012 Reflection Day on Mission
 - Jan. 6, 2013 Closing Liturgy/Ritual

You are welcome to attend any of the events. Our association is planning on helping out at the International Bazaar and Multicultural Festival in October 2012. The Bazaar is a very popular community event and an annual fundraiser for the Sisters. For the Centennial Celebrations, the organizing committee decided to piggyback the Multi-Cultural Festival with the Bazaar. The Bazaar will be held inside as usual and the Festival tents will be set up outside for the entertainment groups and for children activities. We can help by setting up and manning the booths, serving food or by just socializing with the Sisters or wheeling them through the festival. It will be a good chance to catch up with Sister Jeanne Houlihan and Sister Rose Duchesne who have recently returned to the Motherhouse. We are tentatively planning a five day bus trip to the Motherhouse and Manhattan (and of course an outlet mall!). Mark your calendars now: October 25 to 29, 2012. It promises to be another fulfilled, spirited Maryknoll event.

Leading up to this exciting year, the organizing committee has asked Maryknollers around the world to fundraise for the Centennial and show the Sisters in concrete terms how much they have influenced our lives. The groups in Hong Kong, Philippines and Guatemala are working on brief histories of their schools which will be exhibited at the Center. Hopefully there will be remembrances of the Sisters who taught in Peru, Tanzania, Panama, Majuro and Mexico too.

Our Toronto association too will be doing our part. We intend to start with a games drive fundraiser on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Form a group and come and play mahjong or any other game you wish. At least, join us for a delicious Chinese dinner. (Or at the very least send us a \$ donation.) Proceeds from this event will be donated towards the Centennial celebrations. Just fill in the form below and send it to us ASAP!!

We wish to advise that we have an ongoing initiative to raise funds. Ms Gertrude Chan has offered her service to convert VHS tapes to DVDs at the cost of C\$10.00 per cassette, with all proceeds to be donated to the Motherhouse. If you have old tapes that you wish to retain in the DVD format, please contact any Executive or Gertrude Chan (antrude@rogers.com) and we will be happy to assist you. Not only will you be able to retain your favourite tapes, but you will also be helping Maryknoll Motherhouse.

We will also be hosting our most popular event BINGO (and of course more food) on Sunday, November 20th. Hold that date too! It is also the date that the Association will be presenting its Academic Achievement Award to children of members who have attained an average of at least 80% in six of their 4U courses. Please send the student's official transcript to our mailbox by September 30, 2011 to be considered for the award.

Games Drive Fundraiser

Details are as follows

Date: **Sunday, September 18, 2011**

Venue: The Mandarin Golf and Country Club
11207 Kennedy Road (North of Elgin Mills)
Tel: 905-887-9887
<http://www.golfmandarin.com>

Time: Registration 6:00 p.m.
(Mahjong/Card Players 1:00 p.m.)
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00* (members and their guests)
\$35.00 (children 10 and under)



*Mahjong/Card Players, please add an additional \$10.00 per person (this includes unlimited coffee, tea, and soft drinks)

Registration / *Donation Form

(*Please consider sending a donation, if you are unable to attend)

Member's Name: _____ Year _____
(Please print)

Address: _____

Home Telephone # _____

E-mail: _____

- Guests:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Cheque enclosed (Function): (# _____ playing cards @ \$10 each and
_____ for dinner @ \$50 each) Total \$ _____

Cheque enclosed (Donation): \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION/DONATION FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHEQUE TO:

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(DEADLINE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011)



Maria Lee with Sr. Rose at HK airport

In early June, Sr. Rose Duchesne was hospitalised after a trip to Mei Xian 梅縣, China, with Nancy Tong to interview the Hakka Sisters who were trained by the Maryknoll Sisters a long time ago. Everyone was greatly relieved when Sr. Rose was discharged from Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital in mid June! She was then kept busy receiving Maryknollers at the Boundary Street convent. Sr. Rose, accompanied by Sr. Agnes, left Hong Kong on June 28 with a new hairdo and in style – travelling in business class! The girls in New York welcomed her with flowers and fruit baskets!



Sr. Rose with 2 Hakka Sisters at 梅縣



Sr. Jeanne's 80th Birthday

There were farewell parties for Sr Jeanne in the school hall, where alumni came to show her their appreciation and love! The alumni also provided for Sr Jeanne to return home in business class and in style - as the journey would otherwise be too tiring considering her age!



Back at NY Motherhouse, June 28

Sr Jeanne is now spending a month with her family in Ohio after which she'll visit Vancouver before returning to New York in September.

Sr Jeanne resigned as Supervisor of Maryknoll Convent School secondary section and she nominated Dr. Maria Lee (1967) to succeed her in this post. Maria had served as a school manager and honorary secretary on the School Management Committee for 22 years, and her nomination was approved by the MCS Foundation and also by the Education Bureau in Hong Kong. Maria was trained as a social worker and also in early childhood education. She has recently retired from her post as Head of the Child Education and Community Services Department of the HK Institute of Vocational Education. She has also served on the MCS Educational Trust and was one of the founding members of the MCS Foundation. Initially, it was Maria who invited Nancy Tong to undertake the centennial project of the documentary film production 'Trailblazers in Habits'. For updates of the production, please visit <http://www.trailblazersinhabits.net/>



The school management team: Sr. Marilou Limgenco, Gloria Ko & Sr. Jeanne Houlihan

Sunday
July 10, 2011
with

Sister Jeanne

2011 marks the retirement of our beloved teacher, educator and Sister of all times, Sister Jeanne Houlihan. Her faith has inspired many; her teachings have touched the lives of generations of Maryknollers; and her leadership has steered MCS ahead of her times.

On July 10, shortly before Sister Jeanne departs for her homeland, a special tea gathering has been arranged for all former students, parents, and friends of Maryknoll to meet with her.

Welcome to
5 Ho Tung Road
Secondary Section, School Hall
12 – 3 pm
July 10 2011, Sunday



Farewell party: Ellen Cheung, Maria Lee, Sr. Jeanne & Lydia