



Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students

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Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

On behalf of the Toronto Alumni committee, I wish you and your family a **Healthy and Blessed Year of the Rat.**

Our Mother school, Maryknoll Convent School, celebrated its 95th birthday on February 11, 2020. Although the Maryknoll Former Students Association cancelled the 95th Anniversary celebration in Hong Kong due to the Coronavirus outbreak, Maryknollers around the world remembered this special day together in one spirit. If you're a Facebook user like me, you may have changed your profile picture to add the MCS 95th Anniversary frame during the celebration week.



Sr. Jeanne Houlihan and Sr. Ann Marie Lipetzky (Victoria Marie) at the Motherhouse, New York, made a short video to celebrate the 95th anniversary with all the Maryknoll Sisters, teachers, past and present students around the world. You can watch the video by clicking [here](https://mcsontario.org/uploads/videos/2020/Bond%20and%20Build%20Towards%20the%20Centenary.mp4).

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Our committee considered the current Coronavirus situation and decided to postpone our Biennial General Meeting to Sunday, June 28, 2020. It will be held at Shangri-la Banquet Hall & Convention Centre (Woodbine Ave. and Esna Park Drive) in Markham. This dim sum lunch is sponsored by the association, followed by our BGM meeting. The ticket price is \$25 per member and \$35 per non member. Please come and join us to show your support and learn more about our activities in the last 2 years. The lunch/BGM registration deadline is May 29, 2020.

This marks the end of my 3rd term as the President of the Alumni. I am so honoured to be your President and served our fellow members for the past 6 years. We are inviting our members to join our committee and be part of the planning team. The committee meets about 3 times a year. It is a great chance for us to build strong friendship and serve our fellow members by organizing networking dinners, Motherhouse trips, Bingo and games day, etc. Please come and share our joy.

Last but not least, please inform us any changes in your contact information: address, phone and email address. We will update our directory and distribute it at our BGM meeting.

We hope to see you all in our upcoming BGM lunch.

Sincerely,
Wendy Man, President

Biennial General Meeting

Our BGM will be held this year at the Shangri-la Convention Centre, 50 Esna Park Drive, Markham, Ontario L3E 1E1 on Sunday June 28, 2020 following a set Dim Sum Lunch which will start at 12:30 p.m. sponsored by the association. Ticket price for member is \$25/person and \$35 for non member.

Details on the Agenda and full BGM Notice Package will be sent out by email to each member by mid May 2020. Do notify us if you have changed your address/email address and/or your telephone no. since our last BGM in 2018. The deadline for lunch registration is May 29, 2020.

BGM Lunch Reply Form

Member's Name (Please print) _____

Year _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

E-mail Address _____

Cheque enclosed/ amount to pay at the door
 Member \$ _____
 Non member \$ _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please make the cheque payable to: **Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc.** and send it to *P.O. Box 91070, 2901 Bayview Ave., North York, ON M2K 2Y*

No later than May 29, 2020.

Worldwide Reunion 2021

Dear Ontario Maryknollers,

Happy Spring! We are excited to announce that the WWR 2021 reception and Gala on Saturday, August 7th 2021 will take place at The Harvard Club in mid-town Manhattan.

On Sunday August 8th 2021, we have planned a trip to the Maryknoll Sisters Center to visit the Sisters, tour the grounds, and attend Mass in the chapel, while spending time to renew and rekindle friendships.

Space is limited. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Watch for details and registration updates **on our website:** www.maryknollersny.org.

Maryknoll Alumnae Association of New York



Sr. Mari Lou Higa , Sr. Rosalie Lacorte , Sr. Anastasia Lott, Sr. Betty Ann Maher, Sr. Mary T. Connell, Magdalen Yum, Sr. Teresa Leung, Sr. Joan Delaney, Sr. Jeanne Houlihan and Sr. Martha Bourne

Magdalen & Elizabeth Yum (MSS) of California are regulars at the Motherhouse . Whenever they pass by New York City, they always check on the Sisters and bring take-out orders from Chinatown. They hosted a Chinese lunch for the Hong Kong Sisters at the Motherhouse in February 2020.

(Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Yum)



Ode to MAY Wong

Dedicated by classmate Winnie Chan Ng (MCS 1957)

02-20-2020

On that 1st day of the 5th month Baby May was born
To the prominent and wealthy Wong family in the city
of Canton.

Life was peaceful and joyous for the next few years
Till political turmoil in '49 brought them bitter tears.

The family escaped to the British Colony of Hong Kong.
With only the clothes on their back they had to struggle
along.

To supplement family income May signed up for part-
time acting
Now that, she pursued not, for it was never her calling.

Maryknoll Convent School was where May was en-
rolled.

Classmates she met there were treasured much more
than gold.

Academic excellence won her a special scholarship and
skipped a grade.

And all the teachers' hearts she managed to serenade!

Following high school May attended *G.T.C.* *
A diploma she earned teaching elementary.

For over 10 years she dedicated her time
To a profession she accomplished better than fine.

Teaching**, May enjoyed but not quite her ultimate
dream.

It was time she stepped into the next phase of her much
bigger scheme.

Three years she spent obtaining her B.A. from Hong
Kong U.

And that qualified her for admission to England's Guild-
ford Law School.

May's goal was fast approaching in the horizon.

Earning a law degree was her passionate ambition.

Intelligence and diligence, analytical expertise and quick
-wit were traits she was blessed.

Thus with full steam she drove after her quest.

In a short span of 2 years May's dream finally came true.
Earned her L.L.B. and topped the class too!

Back in Hong Kong opened up a brand new chapter.
Of course there were hurdles that May had to conquer.

The Crown Colony of Hong Kong was in imminent tran-
sition.

Political Handover was scheduled for July 1st 1997.
Legal documents must be translated and transferred on
time.

A competent Head to lead this project was mighty hard
to find.

Who but May could, would or should undertake such a
"mission impossible"?

Nevertheless, under her leadership, the assignment
was on track and deadline met - a feat you'd think was
nothing short of a miracle!

This amazing performance catapulted her to immediate
prominence.

Being promoted to Second-in-Command was undoubt-
edly of some great significance!

Poor health in '99 saw May retiring early.
Canada's clean fresh air she found enticingly healthy.
For the rest of her life she resided in Toronto.

It was here she met Chi Lam, her Godsend and gallant
hero.



*Good bye May
We love you.*

Though your body was frail; beautiful was your mind.
As a daughter, a teacher, a boss, a colleague or a friend
you were one of a kind.

Now that your earthly task is forever done***
May you rest in peace and enjoy your heavenly fun!

* *G.T.C. Grantham Teacher-Training College in Kowloon,
Hong Kong.*

** *Taught at MCS Primary (1958 - 1969)*

*** *February 8, 2020*