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Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

Hope you and your family are keeping safe and healthy.

As we approach the end of the summer, we would like to update you with the latest Maryknoll news.

Our committee announced the BGM postponement in our last newsletter. Although Ontario is in the 3rd stage of reopening, we think it's better for us to postpone our Biennial General Meeting until next year. The committee will stay for another year to service our members. We will let you know when we feel comfortable to re-organize the BGM.

The New York Alumni has also decided to postpone the 2021 Worldwide Reunion until further notice. New York has been hit severely by COVID-19 in the last few months. With the great leadership of the New York State Governor, the situation is now under control. However, with the anticipation of the 2nd wave of COVID-19 and the travel ban and quarantine requirement that may still exist in 2021, the New York Alumni made a decision to postpone the reunion. This is in consideration of the participants' health and safety.

At the Motherhouse, Annette from the NY Alumni told us that the Motherhouse is now free from the COVID-19 virus. The Sisters have relaxed some rules and they are now back to having prayers in several different chapels, having dinners in their dining room with 2 – 3 sisters at a table, having haircuts, and go shopping at the local shops with face masks on. Thank God for His protection and providence. Please keep praying for the Sisters' health and safety.

On a happy note, Madame Lydia Huang just celebrated her 90th birthday in Hong Kong. Some of her students organized a Zoom celebration with her. Linda wrote a report on that. My parents, Nora Ho Man and Winston Man celebrated their 50th Golden Anniversary here in Toronto. My sister, Michelle, could not join us this time. But she wrote a lovely note to share their love with us. Our members also welcomed new babies in their families. You can find the cute baby pictures in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the frontline workers and medical professionals who helped us fight this battle. Many thanks to all the fellow Maryknollers who sent donation and supplies to the Sisters at the Motherhouse. Last but not least, we have to keep praying for God's guidance and mercy to help those who have been affected by this pandemic.

God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

Wendy Man, President

Happy 90th Madame!!

Linda da Rocha

I have kept in touch with Mrs. Lydia Huang, better known to me and other former 'French girls' as Madame, ever since I left Maryknoll and Hong Kong in 1973. Being so far away from Hong Kong on her big 90th birthday in July, I arranged to send her good wishes and a basket of fruit. Our Association also sent her a card. But then I got lucky!

I heard that Maryknollers in Hong Kong had planned a birthday celebration for her but alas, COVID-19 put a damper on that idea. Not to be defeated, Pinny Yip '72 came up with the fabulous idea of putting together an album of pictures and wishes as a birthday gift for Madame. The call for contributions went out and thankfully I heard the call and together with many others was able to contribute a picture and a birthday message. The common theme resonating through the messages is how we love Madame as a teacher, a mentor and a dear friend. Madame was extremely happy to be presented with the touching birthday album full of good wishes and memories. Here is a page from the album.



The celebration did not end there. Madame's son invited Maryknollers to join in a surprise Zoom call. We all wished Madame personally, sang Happy Birthday to her and watched her cut her cake. Over 60 people signed into the Zoom call from all over the world. It was amazing! It was so much fun seeing Madame and Maryknollers I have not seen for years. Madame was overjoyed!

In many ways there is always a silver lining to everything. I, like many Maryknollers around the world,

would not have been able to participate in Madame's birthday celebrations but for the COVID-19 restrictions!!



Amelia Eowyn Cheung born on July 28, 2020 weighing 8 lb and 14 oz. is the proud granddaughter of Doris Cheung (MCS 1975)



Jacqueline Lam Fong (1974) has addition to 3 grandsons, first granddaughter Annika Sherwood, born on May 20, 2020 in London, UK to proud parents of Miranda and Chris.



Very happy Greatgrandmother, Nena Noronha ('60) with Melody Rose (2-1/2 yrs) and brother, Sawyer Michael (3 months).



Happy 50th Anniversary to Winston & Nora Man (by daughter Michelle Man, MCS 1991)

July 22, 50 years ago, my Dad & Mom got happily married. During these 50 years, they love each other and love their family so dearly. They build up a family from nothing, working very hard, but also enjoying every moment of their lives. They cherish the family time, travelling to different places together every year no matter far or near. They establish work, hobbies, live together for all these years without much disagreement. They are a role model couple.

Originally, I should be at Toronto celebrating this special Golden Jubilee Anniversary, but who would know this year becomes like this!

Although I'm far away, my heart and thoughts are always with my parents. I wish you both healthy and happy, and enjoy life for many more years! I miss you both, and I miss travelling with you this year. Wish I can make it up at Christmas time! LOVE you both very much!



MCSFSA 70th ANNIVERSARY

CONNECTING MARYKNOLLERS
SINCE 1950

Greetings from Hong Kong!

Thank you for giving us this space to share with you the activities of Maryknoll Convent School Former Students' Association ("MCSFSA") in Hong Kong.

Do you know the MCSFSA was set up in 1950? Over the years, generations of dedicated alumnae made efforts to connect Maryknollers, to support our school and the Maryknoll Sisters, and to serve the community. Today, we still carry on the same spirit and put the line *"To home, to country, to the world"* in our school song into action.

As we are adapting to our new "normal" this year, we have held our first-ever online AGM on 22 August 2020. With everyone getting accustomed to interacting online, we are excited to reach out to you, our dear alumnae, over the cyberspace.

Please follow our **Facebook Page**  facebook.com/maryknollfsa for news and photos of activities. May we introduce our Exco members (2020-2021) and show you how we have done in the past five years, in terms of membership enrolments and our support to the school and the community {[here](#)}. You may also visit the **FSA website** at www.mcsfsa.com for more details.

One of our goals this year is to collect photos or stories of MCSFSA and our dear 95-year-old alma mater. You can certainly help by sending us your precious collection in which we may share with fellow Maryknollers via our network in the future. Please email us mcsfsa1950@gmail.com anytime!

Stay safe. Stay connected.

MCSFSA



Bernadette Lyon Yuen (MCS 1955)



Bernadette was born in Hong Kong in 1935 and attended Maryknoll Convent School since 1949. She remained a devoted alumni of the school, and kept in contact with the Sisters there throughout her life. After secondary school, she left Hong Kong for London to attend Whipps Cross Hospital Training School for Nurses. It was in her final year when she met and married her husband Gregory. The newlyweds moved from London to Chicago, Victoria and Stratford, finally finding a permanent home in Ajax Ontario. Bernadette worked as a midwife, a public health nurse, as an RN at Oshawa General Hospital and later taught at Centennial College and Women's College Hospital. While working in Oshawa she was also able to complete her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Toronto, becoming an active alumni. She remained devoted to education throughout her life, spending many summers studying Italian art and culture in Sienna. In her retirement, Bernadette volunteered with the ROM, AGO and Gardiner Museum, and worked with Mount Sinai's Pacific Bridge program. She has a musical scholarship offered at the Royal Conservatory of Music and an educational scholarship offered at Villanova College where her two grandsons attended. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Choir. Bernadette became an avid runner later in life, participating in many half marathons in the city, and was a fixture on the Beaches Boardwalk for many years with her morning runs there.

She is sorely missed by her many friends and school mates of Maryknoll around the world. May she rest in peace.