

President's Christmas Message

Dear Fellow Maryknollers,

We are now almost 2 years into the pandemic. With the new Omicron variant, it seems that the end of the pandemic is still far away. But we are blessed that the scientists and medical professionals are making positive progress on this virus. With vaccinations, we are protected and can go to small social gatherings with our close families and friends. Hope that this new variant would not divert our reopening as the scientists are rushing to improve the vaccine to protect us against it.

Early this year, we hosted our belated Biennial General Meeting using Zoom. Our treasurer, Patricia Wu, reported our financial statement for the year 2018 – 2020 and our secretary, Winnie Wong, reported all the activities that took place in the same period. Thanks to Pat, our alumni still have a handsome reserve for donations to the Motherhouse and the running of our association. This year, our long-serving committee member and past-President, Linda da Rocha, and another member, Katy Lang, retire from our committee. We now have 11 members in our current committee.

During Spring, we had a fireside chat with Sister Jeanne Houlihan. She just celebrated her 90th birthday. We were so happy to see her and listen to her stories and recent happenings at the Motherhouse. We had 35 girls joined the event.

In September, Chef Sheree with her beautiful sous chefs, Jacqueline Fong and Winnie Wong, shared her favourite recipe, “Japanese Curry Beef with Rice” and showed us all the tips from the kind of beef to buy to soaking rice before cooking it. Patricia Wu interviewed her during the cooking show and Sheree shared her stories and fond memories about her time at Maryknoll and in Japan with us. We had such a fun evening.

Thank you to all the committee members, Sister Jeanne and Sheree Doo for the wonderful events that happened in 2021. Hope that the pandemic will be under control in 2022 and we can meet in-person in our next networking event.

As our Christmas tradition, we will send a Christmas card and gift to the Motherhouse to support our beloved Sisters’ needs. This year, with the generous contribution from some of our members and the funds that we raised in our previous events, we are going to send US\$6,000 to the Motherhouse. Thank you very much to all who donate to the Sisters.



Card specially designed for the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
By Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)
December 2021.



What is Christmas?
It is a time
To be thankful for our Maryknoll education
in the past
To be courageous to face the current pandemic
in the present
And
To be optimistic to achieve world peace
in the future.
From Maryknoll Convent Former Students
(Toronto)

Christmas is around the corner. As we prepare for our Christmas celebration with our families, let's remember and pray for the sick and the lonely around the world during this advent season.

On behalf of our committee,
I wish you and your families,

**a Healthy, Joyous
and Peaceful Christmas
and New Year.**

With warm wishes,
Wendy Man, President



Class '71 50th Anniversary Reunion



Class '71 was supposed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation with a trip to New York including a visit to the Motherhouse as our token of thanks to the Sisters. Anne's efforts of over a year became futile with the pandemic BUT Covid was no match to the well-known "Class '71 spirit"! Anne was more determined than ever to make our 50th anniversary reunion take place in its proper year of 2021! Hence the idea of a Zoom meeting was born! Anne and Angela were the masterminds behind the scenes.

This was an enormous undertaking that involved detailed planning, preparation time, and precise execution. Together Anne and Angela worked tirelessly. With their combined skills of excellence in organization, extensive contacts, Zoom expertise, and a 'little' Divine help A Miracle happened and lasted 2 or more hours!!!



The Zoom meeting was held on November 19/20 to accommodate different time zones. 54 attended from **Australia, Singapore, USA West Coast, Mid-West, East Coast; Canada West – Vancouver, East Ontario – Toronto**, and of course **Hong Kong**. There were some 18 of them who convened at the Stage Hotel for breakfast. They led the singing of our School Song.



This was an opportunity of a life time! Most of these friends we have not seen since 1971, 50 decades ago! Words cannot begin to describe the mixed emotion of anticipation, excitement and surprises to see their faces again!

There were slide shows of class photos in front of the most photographed main door of the School. Then there was the iconic ever-green tree, now gone!

Class '71 has a great collection of the Year Books. Suffice to say the spirit lives on!

Each participant was given a 15 second slot to introduce herself. Later we were put into smaller Zoom Groups.

Christine Cheung made a video and recorded the song she sang to the tune of “Those Were The Days, My Friends” with lyrics in both English and Chinese, It was most well done with pictures of our alma mater in the background. We were all inebriated and intoxicated with memories of our ‘young and care-free happy school days’. Please click on the link below to enjoy the flashbacks of the past 50 years since we left MCS.

[MCS Class 1971 50th Anniversary Nov. 2021.mp4](#)



The highlight was our last minute surprise guest, Sr. Earnest Chung (Class of '62), our very own Form 2C home room teacher. She has been a Maryknoll Sister since 1968. Sister Earnest is currently in Hawaii working with the elderly, improving their life style. She has kept in touch with us through the years, and she joined to wish us well!

Patricia Ho Wu organised a dinner in Toronto on December 15, 2021 for the girls of '71 class who are in Toronto. Apart from the delicious food, we all had a most enjoyable time!

Heartfelt thanks to all who organized and participated! See you in another 50 years!!!



L to R Angela Lao, Christine Cheung, Linda Da Rocha, Diana Chan, Christina Hui, Marilyn Hall, Angela Lee, Amy Lau, Judy Tong, Pat Ho,