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Newsletter for MCS Former Students' Association Members Only

THE ROLE OF MCS GRADUATES IN OUR WORLD TODAY AND TOMORROW

by Sister Marilu Limgenco



The Maryknoll Convent School envisions its students to embrace the Maryknoll spirit which is signified by the school motto "Sola Nobilitas Virtus," translated in English as Virtue Alone Ennobles.

In this light, the school develops its students to meet the challenges in life and to contribute to society in whatever role they decide to take in the future. To attain this goal, aside from its academic curriculum, the school teaches its students moral, ethical and religious values with the hope that they become intellectually competent, compassionate in servicing others, and capable of developing themselves continuously to meet the challenges in life and become a big contributor to society.

After you graduate from MCS, you will pursue your dreams – go to college, work in multinational

companies, set up your own businesses, become teachers. Some of you might decide to enter a religious community.

These are also the dreams of all the other graduates of the different schools in the world. If you do any of this just like any of the rest, what difference does that make? Nothing!

When you pursue your dreams, live the true Maryknoll spirit – always strive for excellence, realize your potentials to the fullest, and become responsible citizens with an appreciation of not only the Chinese culture but also of the world around us.

Another thing that will make you different from the rest is when you put Jesus in the center of anything that you do, when you do things for His greater glory, when you lift up to Him everything that you say and do. Doing this will make you better understand the meaning of life and the importance of trust and integrity.

Everything that I have mentioned is embodied in the vision and mission of our school. Hence for you to make an impact in our society and mirror the true spirit of a Maryknoller, you need to live the values that were taught to you when you were students in this school. Always remember, the true Maryknoll spirit lives in our hearts.

When you keep the flame of the Maryknoll spirit burning and alive, people we work with, people we interact with will know and say "Ah, this lady is a Maryknoller!"



MORE ABOUT OUR SISTERS

I AM SISTER MARILU LIMGENCO, A MARYKNOLL SISTER.



Sister Marilu, a Maryknoll Sister, is the Administrator for the Maryknoll Sisters in the China Region.

At present, Sister Marilu is Honorary Secretary of OLMH, Ltd. Board of Governors; Member of OLMH Hospital Governing Committee, and an Honorary Adviser of the Maryknoll Medical and Welfare Association, Limited. Sister Marilu is also a member of the Maryknoll Convent School Management Committee for both Primary and Secondary Sections.

Sr Marilu is also a current Council Member of the MCS Foundation.

I studied at Assumption Convent, a school run by a religious group from Paris. There I finished my Elementary and Secondary education and earned an Associate degree in Home Life Education. I then moved on to Centro Escolar University where I graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Home Economics.

In 1968, I joined the Maryknoll Sisters and pronounced my first vows in Maryknoll, New York. While in New York, I studied Core Theology in Maryknoll Seminary and Clinical Pastoral Education. I then trained and practiced what I learned at the Sloan Kettering and New York Hospitals.

In 1974, I returned to the Philippines and worked for five years with the Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines. There we were involved in the Nutrition and Feeding Program, Community-Based Health Program, and Family Life Program.

In early 1980, I returned to Maryknoll, New York; and later that year I arrived in Hong Kong. I studied Cantonese at the Chinese University for two years and after my schooling, I began my work at the Pastoral Ministry Department of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital, which I am still doing. This was interrupted for four years when I was called to do service at our Motherhouse in New York. I worked with the Promotion Department doing mission education and church talks around the USA.

I resumed my work at Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital in 1996. In 2004, we started the Community Specialty Clinic which became part of my ministry at the Hospital. During my time in Hong Kong, I volunteered to work with the Filipino migrant workers because I felt they are the poor and deprived people here. Five years ago I began to take an active role in the MCS Primary and Secondary Sections and the Former Students' Association.

I still remembered the day when there was a gathering at MCS and I was invited by a couple of FSA members to join them at the upcoming AGM. My response to them at that time was, "I really don't know your group. I only know one or two of you really well." There were five of them sitting with me then. One after another, they talked to me and told me, 'Now you know all of us here. We welcome you and we will take care of you.'

From that day on, I felt welcomed in this group. I am delighted to be a part of this group and will always feel at home with all of you.

Dear Maryknollers,

2014 has indeed been a challenge to all peoples and religions. ISIS, Ebola, Russian Occupation of Ukraine, Synagogue Desecration, Beheading of men has held all of us in deep concern of where the world is headed. It is at this time of turmoil that faith in the Divine Mystery, "that something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before" embraces each of us with renewed faith and hope and love.

In August the Toronto Maryknollers staged a reunion for all teachers and former students. Certainly, Sisters Joan, Teresa, Earnest, Sandy, Paulette and myself were spoiled with the detailed preparations and the final execution of a splendid affair. With special thanks to the organizing committee with Regina Rocha Little as chair and Jacqueline Lam Fong, the chair of Toronto Chapter.

This year at Maryknoll we had final vows for four sisters, first vows for two, many 50th jubilarians and believe it or not a good number for 60, 65, 70 and 75. As one of our doctors said we are living beyond the norm. Sister Miriam Xavier from St. Louis with keenest mind reached 101.

The renovated bathrooms for our elderly sisters were finally completed. They are now wheelchair friendly as well as newly tiled and decorated.

Our documentary film "Trailblazers in Habits" has been well received. TV ABC "Religion and Ethics" showed our film in November at 2:30 pm. Because ABC is owned by Disney, we had to edit some of the scenes because of children viewing hours. The showing was well received. People from all over the USA wrote of seeing and approving it. The film has been to Florida (John Paul II International Film Festival), Illinois, Texas, New York, California, Hong Kong, Canada and our Ossining Library. Now we need to procure a sight for St Louis in 2015.



*Love and Prayers,
Jeanne Houlihan MM*

MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL 90th ANNIVERSARY

“Join Hands for Maryknoll” Jumbo Pot Feast



Heralding the Maryknoll Convent School 90th Anniversary and being the finale “Join Hands for Maryknoll” fundraiser, this Jumbo Pot Feast will be JUMBO in every sense! Much more than a meal, this will be a homecoming for the Maryknoll family to revisit the two Sections of the School. The Heritage Centre and various rooms in both Sections will be open for photo-taking and reminiscing. The sensational celebration will kick off with a 90th Anniversary Mass and close with a bang at the JUMBO Games Day.

Please support the “Join Hands for Maryknoll” campaign to raise funds towards the betterment of facilities for the students of Maryknoll.

Date: February 8, 2015 (Sunday)

Program: Chapel at Primary Section New Wing

11:00 – 12:00 Mass

Covered Playground and Courtyard at Secondary Section

12:15 – 12:30 Opening Ceremony

12:30 – 14:30 Prayer & Blessing

School Song

Jumbo Pot Feast

Performances by Students, Jumbo Belly Competition, and Anniversary Lucky Draw

Secondary School Tour

Basketball Court & Covered Playground at Primary Section

14:30 – 16:30 Jumbo Games Day with Inflatables and Fun Booths

* The Heritage Centre, Classrooms, and various Special Rooms will be open from 11:00 to 16:00. Please follow onsite instructions.

RESERVATION ON FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS (Deadline: DEC 31, 2014)

Please complete this form in English BLOCK letters. Tick the appropriate box(es).

(FSA)

Name :		Year :	<input type="checkbox"/> F.5 (HKCEE) / <input type="checkbox"/> S.6 (DSE)
Email :		Daytime Contact :	
Fee :	HK\$600 x _____ person(s) (for a table of 12)	Total : HK\$	
Payment Method:	Please make check payable to “Maryknoll Convent School Educational Trust” . Check No: _____ Bank: _____ Please mail the check along with this form to Maryknoll Convent School Educational Trust at 5 Ho Tung Road, Kowloon Tong. Please write your name and contact number at the back of the check, and mark on the envelope “Pun Choi” .		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Name of receipt (if different from above) _____		
	Mailing address: _____		
	<i>* All donations over HK\$100 are tax deductible.</i>		

You will receive a Confirmation Note by email before January 23, 2015 for successful reservation.

Please bring it along as proof for admission.

Note:

- ◆ Seating is limited and allocation is strictly on a first come first served basis.
- ◆ MCS Educational Trust reserves the right to seats allocation.
- ◆ Reservations with full payments will be given priority as long as seats are available.
- ◆ All reservations are non-cancellable nor refundable.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON 2014 AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Aug 28 at the Chinese Club in Central. We were honored to have our guests, Sister Marilu, Sister Marya, Mrs. Lydia Huang, Ms Melaine Lee, Mrs Josephine Lo, Ms Maria Cheng, Dr. Nancy Fok, Mrs Teresa Chow and Mrs Hilda Kan. It was a fun night of good food with a lot of chatting and catching up. Below please find our President's Report for the year 2013 to 2014.

Maryknoll Convent School Former Students' Association is so proud and thankful to have you all with us today.

Year 2013 to 2014 was quite a year. We started with our regular Baking Event at the Secondary DS Room baking banana cake.

Joint School happy Hour with LaSalle Old Boys has also become a regular function.

Our summer holidays last year were busy days while we prepared for the Hong Kong Premiere of Trailblazers in Habits on October 3.

Our first art event was held at the Art Room of Primary Section in November, attracting 100 participants of former students and their kids.

FSA joined hands with MCS Educational Trust in the production of Pun Choi Lunch event in Feb 2014. We sold 68 tables and had a really enjoyable gathering with friends and teachers.

FSA has been working hard these years. We endeavor to bring all Maryknollers to have fun, stay connected, to serve, to celebrate and to live the Maryknoll spirit together. Thank you.

- June Lo, President of FSA



WOMEN OF TASTE



The first wine tasting and appreciation event was held on 20 November. Around 20 Maryknollers and their friends gained a bit of wine knowledge by sampling five different kinds of wines paired with light snacks and delicious finger food in a casual and relaxed wine shop. Basic techniques of wine tasting were being taught by our wine tutor, Ramee Liu, a former Maryknoller, in an under two-hour crash course. The evening ended with a group of chatty women bringing home at least one or two bottles of wine feeling tipsy and fulfilled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 2015 - Career Luncheon (Legal Services)
- February 2015 - Bread Run for Feeding Hong Kong
- April 2015 - Cooking Event

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