

The 3rd Annual Report for Maryknoll Convent School Foundation, Inc. 13th of October, 2007



“We envision our students to embrace the Maryknoll spirit signified by the school motto “Sola Nobilitas Virtus” (Virtue Alone Ennobles).

The Foundation in our second year met alternate months, usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month, for a total of five regular meetings. Three additional meetings for drafting the constitution for the Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) were scheduled. Discussions were thorough and productive.

“We provide experiences for our students to develop healthily in a spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological, aesthetically and social way.”

After the Annual General Meeting in 2006 the mentorship programme under the leadership of Amy Ho, Vice-chairperson of the Foundation was inaugurated. Amy’s supporting committee included Maria Lee, Kenzie Lau, Maggie Chau, Rosita Li, Patti Chan, Joanne Yau, Melaine Lee, Principal and several of the teachers of the secondary section.

“We instill in our students an awareness of the importance of trust and integrity and an appreciation for co-operative teamwork and respect for others” was evident in the well-thought out introductory programme, including Amy’s inaugural speech, the ambiance, the choice of clothes, and the delicious food prepared by our Angel Wong’s Two Rooms catering service. In the very competitive educational field, the programme helps match students’ interest with our Maryknoll mentors, single or married, with and without careers-Maryknoll’s tapestry of adult life. The mentors enriched our Form VI students with their sharing and professional expertise. The second mentorship programme will be launched on 13th of October after this AGM.

“We see our students as informed and innovative, analytical and critical, responsible and adaptable, moral and ethical members of society.”

Barbara Hung with Maura Wong Chen, Kenzie Lau Kwong and Wanda Tong completed the draft for the Incorporated Management Committee. The current School Management Committee, our staffs and PTAs of both primary and secondary sections will be given copies to review for understanding and later implementation.

The first judicial review ruled in favour of the Government’s policy for IMC. Cardinal Joseph Zen, Bishop of Hong Kong Catholic Community, will now present his request for review to the Court of Appeal on the 18th of March, 2008.. It must be understood that as a Catholic school in communion with the other catholic schools under the Diocese, we will not proceed with the implementation of the IMC until all appeals have been completed.

“We stimulate our students to develop initiative in learning and awareness of its relevance to themselves, to life and to others.”

Janet Chang, Joanne Yau Yow, Melody Funk Landes, Irene Li, June Lo and Helen Lai Yu’ committee to gather professional data of our former students is underway. The gathering of this data will reveal the depth of our Maryknoll Alumnae and for using to tap expertise for improving MCS.

“We co-operate with teachers, parents, society to promote and maintain a safe, healthy, happy environment for quality education.”

The 70th Anniversary of MCS Primary Building was commemorated with a photographic competition under the leadership of Dr. Cindy Chu, Councillor of the Foundation.

A subcommittee of the Foundation , comprising Helen Lai Yu, Cindy Chu, Gloria Ko, Laurentia Tai, June Lo, Lydia Huang, Pinny Yip, Sr. Jeanne with Mrs. Josephine Lo, Ms. Melaine Lee, met to discuss how MCS can have a higher public profile. Both sections have many activities that are newsworthy but not publicized. Television coverage with Josephine Lo, Melaine Lee and Sister Jeanne were well received. There were also articles in various Chinese newspapers. The aim is to strike a proper balance between public profile and the goals and tradition of MCS education. Our aim is not to treat the school as a marketable item, but it is to promote appropriate awareness of MCS as a school for high-quality and all-round education affordable to all.

This year, 2007, the primary school building is 70 years old. This anniversary began its celebrations with the photographic competition. The second part of the 70th Anniversary will be the photographic exhibit on November 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th.

On behalf of the Foundation, I wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Lester Huang, our legal advisor and Mr. Thomas Wong , our accountant. These two fine men complement our values and offer magnanimous service. Also, on behalf of the Foundation our gratitude to Patricia Ling and the administrative staff of the secondary section for their cheerful assistance and unfailing patience and our IT and janitor staff members of the secondary section for their ever-present support.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the officers of the Foundation, Helen Lai Yu, Amy Ho, Janet Chang, Maria Lee, Barbara Hung, Gloria Ko, and Maggie Chau and the Councillors for their insights to move us forward and their Maryknoll Spirit. We must also remember the contribution of former members of the Council, Sisters Agnes Cazale and Betty Ann Maheu and Mrs. Teresa Li, who now reside in North America but remain in touch from time to time.

To each of you who has become members of the MCS Foundation, the future of MCS is in your hands and hearts. I know that I can count on you all and that MCS has a bright future with your support.



Sister Jeanne Houlihan
Chairperson