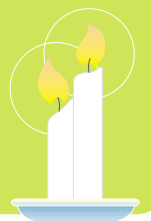


Mentorship Programme

The Mentorship Programme was designed to help perpetuate the Maryknoll tradition and culture by having Alumni share, inspire and support our student's personal growth. Initially, Form VI students would participate in the programme during its pilot year 2006. Each alumni member of the Foundation who enrolled as mentor would be matched to one or, at the most, two Form VI girls. It would be up to each mentor-mentee group to decide on the frequency and mode of communication between them. For the evening of October 28, a Launching Party was held at the Secondary School Hall.



The Launch

After a briefing session by Ms Amy Ho, Chairperson of the Mentorship Programme Facilitator Group, mentors were ready to go down from the second floor Conference Room to meet their mentees for the first time in the School Hall. The six formers were seated at their assigned tables which were complete with white tablecloths, candles and tealights. The seventy plus girls cast eager eyes on the mentors as they filed through the side doors into the hall. Despite initial shyness, instant chemistry between the carefully paired mentors and mentees were not uncommon.

The evening opened officially with an introduction by Ms Amy Ho. Guests for the evening included Sr Jeanne Houlihan, Sr Rose Duchesne, Sr Marya Zaborowski & Sr Betty Ann Maheu and Dr Linda Tsui of the HKU Mentorship Programme, Councillors of the Foundation, Members of the School Management Committee, Members of the MCS Educational Trust, and Exco members of the Parent-Teachers' Association and Former Students' Association. Soon came the moment of candle lighting. Electrical lights were dimmed.

Sr Jeanne lit a large candle on stage. Four councillors were called to pass the flame from Sister's large candle onto four smaller candles for mentors to light their candles which would light up the tealights of their mentees at their individual tables. Lights ablaze,



Maryknollers across the generations stood up to sing the school song. It was a touching scene.

With blessing from Sr Jeanne and words of wisdom from Ms Melaine Lee, the Principal of the Secondary Section, mentors and mentees were left to roam the school grounds. Rapport was built easily and quickly. The sumptuous dinner buffet obviously added to the ease and relaxed ambience of the evening.

Ms Amy Ho wrapped up the evening with a few inspiring words for all. Mentors and mentees were invited to sign on the huge signing board which was designed to echo the backdrop on stage. Mentors who were unable to come for the launch could meet their mentees at the make-up gathering to be held again on school grounds on November 11.

The evening, in fact, the whole of the Mentorship Programme, would not have been possible without the leadership of Sr Jeanne, Ms Amy Ho and Ms Maria Lee, the coordination and support of the Facilitator Group-Ms Melaine Lee, Ms Cynthia Ho, Ms Alice Lui, Ms Anna Chiu, Ms Alice Kwong, Ms Kenzie Lau, Ms Rosita Li, Ms Maggie Chau, Ms Patti Chan and Ms Joanne Yow.

The Foundation called for your continual support and participation. For more information on the MCS Foundation Limited, please visit <http://www.mcs.edu.hk/foundation/index.htm> or call the MCS Secondary Section School Office (852) 2337 2112.

Extraordinary General Meeting & Annual General Meeting 2006

October 28, 2006 was an eventful and fruitful day for many Maryknollers and friends of the School. Beside the launch of the brand new Mentorship Programme, it was also the day of the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the MCS Foundation.



About forty members attended the EGM, which was scheduled to run back to back with the AGM. Mr Lester Huang, our Honorary Legal Advisor was also present. The purpose of the EGM was to resolve amendments to the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the MCS Foundation on wording that more concisely define the number of years of service of Councillors and Executive Members. The amendments were proposed and seconded.

Following immediately after the EGM, the AGM opened with Sr Jeanne delivering a detailed account of the Foundation's activities in 2006. After the reports from the Chairperson and Honorary Treasurer came the elections. New Councillor Ms Joanne Yow, a graduate of the 1990 class, was elected to take the seat vacated by Sister Betty Ann Maheu who had to return to the U.S. in November on new pursuits for the Maryknoll Mission. God bless Sr Betty Ann - we will miss you!



Two new Executive Members joined the rank this year. Ms Pinny Yip (1984) took the stand to introduce herself as the newly elected Executive Member while Ms Patti Chan (1987) came forth as the newly appointed Executive Member. Both were active members of the Former Students' Association. Ms Pinny Yip was also the event specialist for our 80th Anniversary Dinner at the Hong Kong Exhibition & Convention. Ms Patti Chan was a Trustee of the MCS Educational Trust. Congratulations to our new recruits!

There being no further business, the Foundation AGM adjourned at around 4:00 pm. Attendees were invited to stay behind for refreshment and photo-taking.



Councillors		Executive Members	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chairperson Sr. Jeanne Houlihan ● Vice-Chairperson Mrs. Helen Yu Ms. Amy Ho ● Hon Secretary Ms. Maggie Chau ● Hon Treasurer Mrs. Gloria Ho ● Membership Ms. Janet Chang Ms. Maria Lee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Councillors Sr. Rose Duchesne Sr. Marya Zaborowski Ms. Barbara Hung Ms. Cindy Chu Mrs. Lydia Huang (Supervisor) Mrs. Hilda Kan Ms. Lucy Lee Ms. Joanne Yow ● Hon Legal Advisor Mr. Lester Huang ● Hon Auditor Mr. Thomas Wong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sr. Marilu Limgenco Ms. Patti Chan Ms. Ronna Chao Ms. Dorothy Cheng Mrs. Teresa Chow Ms. Nancy Fok Ms. Melody Funk Ms. Jeanne Ho Dr. Henrietta Ip Ms. Caroline Ku Ms. Francine Kwong Ms. Kenzie Lau Ms. Miriam Lau Ms. Mary Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Shelley Lee Ms. Irene Li Ms. Rosita Li Mrs. Teresa Li Ms. June Lo Ms. Ophelia Ngan Ms. Laurentia Tai Ms. Wanda Tong Ms. Maura Wong Ms. Pinny Yip



Calling All Members

The Foundation depends on each and every one of our members for succession, continuity, development of MCS and perpetuation of the traditions and culture established by the Sisters.

To continue to strive for excellence, uphold our Mission and Vision and keep the Maryknoll Spirit alive, we need as many voices in the Foundation as possible.

Sola Nobilitas Virtus ~ The Maryknoll Spirit

The Maryknoll Spirit is a belief in a loving God

The Maryknoll Spirit is a compassionate heart that embraces the whole world with selfless devotion, looking for and caring for people in need

The Maryknoll Spirit is a belief in the innate goodness of the individual

The Maryknoll Spirit accords dignity to all

The Maryknoll Spirit seeks and carries the truth with passion, to home, to country and to the world

The Maryknoll Spirit meets life's challenges with courage and strives for excellence in becoming what we are to be

The Maryknoll Spirit is a willingness to try new things – to risk, to be creative, to try the unknown without being afraid of making mistakes or losing face

The Maryknoll Spirit is a willingness to share with others, fostering mutual support and trust

We need you to build our Foundation family. Do get involved and invite more of your classmates to join. Membership application forms can be downloaded from the Foundation website www.mcs.edu.hk.

The Membership Desk

Farewell Sister Betty Ann & Ms Teresa Li

Two Councillors resigned in 2006. Sister Betty Ann Maheu had to return to the U.S. in November this year on new pursuits for the Maryknoll Mission. Ms Teresa Li was needed very much in Vancouver, B.C. by her grandchildren. We wish both Sister Betty Ann and Teresa success in their future endeavours in North America.



MCS Heritage Exhibit, Fall 2007: Call for Pictures and Items

Maryknoll Convent School moved into the building at 130 Waterloo Road in May 1937. Next year marks the 70th anniversary of the MCS Primary School Building. To commemorate the anniversary, the MCS Foundation will organize a heritage exhibit in Fall 2007, showing old school photos, memorable items, and artifacts.

If you have pictures of the Primary School Building, or objects (related to the school or the Sisters), and would like to show them at the exhibit, please contact Cindy Chu at (852) 3411 7182 or cindychu@hkbu.edu.hk.

Donations are also welcome! We look forward to hearing from you!

VOICE

MCS FOUNDATION NEWS

December 2006

Dear Members of the MCS Foundation, Ltd.

On behalf of the Councillors may the Christmas Season be filled with joy and peace. As I was thinking of Christmas I read this story and I wanted to share the great hope that is within each of us. It is the hope of every girl and every woman. Education liberates and sets free every person.

"For years I was held in a tiny cell. My only contact was with the torturers. For two and half of those years I did not experience the glance of a human face, see a green leaf. My only company was the cockroaches and mice. The only daylight that entered my cell was through a small opening at the top of the wall. For eight months I had my hands and feet tied. On Christmas Eve, the door to my cell opened, and the guard tossed in a crumbled piece of paper. I moved as best I could to pick up the paper. It said simply, "Constantina, do not be discouraged, we know you are alive." It was signed "Monica" and had the Amnesty International candle on it. These words saved my life and my sanity. Eight months later I was free."

Constantina Coronel
released prisoner from Uruguay
Amnesty International Newsletter 1997

Inspired by the story, Sister Joyce Rupp wrote the following poem

*two thousand years ago
a Child cries in the night
songs of silver-throated angels
beckon wild-eyed shepherds
running on trembled feet
beneath the dancing Star of joy.*

*two thousand years later
another cry in the night
a woman named Constantina
rots in tortured prison cell
only a sliver of sun
and never a glimpse of green*

*a message comes
on Christmas eve
not with silver throats
or gleaming Star
but on crumpled note
amid cockroaches and rodents*

*words of assurance
balm for a despairing heart
and the Christ
is born again
in the power of hope
and the candle of compassion.*

Sister Joyce Rupp O.S.B.

Last but not least, I wish on behalf of the Foundation to remind each of you that your membership at the Foundation is a means of continuing education of present and future Maryknollers. We depend on each of you for the growth and development of the School and upholding the vision and tradition of MCS.

Yours truly,
Sister Jeanne Houlihan
Chairperson of MCS Foundation Ltd.