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192	I loved Maryknoll. I was very happy there.
109	<p>My education at Maryknoll has taught me truth, integrity, generosity and faithfulness among other virtues which the good sisters had instilled on us. I am very grateful for having been at Maryknoll. I have brought these lessons with me to home to country and to the world.</p> <p>Maryknoll has given me the opportunity to be a good wife and mother, and I have instilled on my children the importance of our school motto – Sola Virtus Nobilitas. God has given me the grace to be a good mother, and even though I have no formal title or profession, I was able to teach my children the importance of being good people and always to have God in their lives. My sons and a daughter graduated from college with Masters degrees in clinical psychology, finance, and social work, respectively, and are good citizens. Praise the Lord!</p>
182	<p>Mayknoll and the Sisters have taught me the importance of kindness, the power of prayer. My fellow Maryknollers of the class of '53 and I have remained close, our friendship defying distance and time.</p> <p>I would love to, if I could, but since I live on the other side of the world, it is not possible to meet the students face to face.</p>
34	<p>I acquired my teacher training from the Northcote Training College for Teachers in Hong Kong and the University of British Columbia in B.C. Canada. The inspiration to be a teacher came when I was still a student at MCS. The Sisters' kindness, understanding, patience and dedication had a great deal of influence over my decision in choosing teaching as my profession. They were such good examples of everything that a teacher should be and I wanted to emulate them. I am especially indebted to Sr. Mary Eucharista who was my classroom teacher for 2 years. I am sure that most of my former classmates will agree with me that Sister was one of the outstanding teachers of the school. We benefited from her unique method of instruction. Later on, when I became a teacher myself, I incorporated Sr. Eucharista's methodology as a part of my teaching strategy and sure enough, my students, like me, were successful in overcoming some of the difficulties in learning. I am forever grateful to Maryknoll and the Sister.</p>

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50	<p>Maryknoll has always been a family to me ever since 1946, whether we were in times of need or plenty. We were all illiterate right after the war and the Sisters who returned to Hong Kong to teach were ever so patient. (We had Sr. Ann Mary, Sr. Eucharista, Sr. Henrietta marie, Sr. Matthew Marie, and later on, Sr. Rose Duchesne, Sr. Jeanne Houlihan, Sr. Miriam Xavier, Sr. Corinne, Sr. Edward Marmion, Sr de Ricci). We did not even know the English alphabets and we had English immersion education right from the beginning. The teachers too were profound in their dedication to teach. From their example, we imbued their untiring spirit which influenced me to become a teacher following their footsteps.</p> <p>Our happy school life is very contagious. It permeates throughout the student body and this spirit still is very evident wherever Maryknollers are. When one Maryknoller nees help, others come to the rescue to see what can be done. This explains why the campaign launched by the Toronto alumnae to raise funs for the Maryknoll Motherhouse has always been very successful in the past years. This is to repay in part what we were given in our formative years.</p>
214	Received excellent education at MCS. Instilled in me value and good moral training, and service to others.
218	My favorite Maryknoll sister is Sister Marie Corinne
115	I could have gained academic knowledge at any school level at Maryknoll, I also learned the value of Christianity from the wonderfully rind and patient Sisters. Because of them fellow Maryknollers are a special breed – kind, honest, happy and confident.

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208	<p>After returning to HK from my studies in Columbia, New York and working in England, I was unhappy that the Maryknoll sisters insisted on using my Christian name, taught table manners for European settings and generally allowing me to lose a lot of my own culture. Though I was grateful that I received a sound education that helped me to become first in class in nursing and went through my studies without too much trouble. My performances academically in Maryknoll was marginal or borderline.</p> <p>Now in my retired age, I appreciated their efforts as teachers to bestow a caring attitude to students which without realizing, I tried to follow their steps. They taught us the best as they knew how as I taught my students the best I knew how. My heart just glows now when Maryknoll is mentioned and seeing young students wearing Maryknoll uniform, I felt like telling them that I once worn that uniform as well.</p> <p>I left nursing since 1993, so any talk on career talk on nursing from me is not updated. However, I am willing to talk about Reiki, the tapping of universal energy for healing and maintenance of health.</p>
106	<p>Maryknoll has been the biggest reason for my being where I am: the nurturing and caring instruction I received cannot be over-estimated; I had no trouble with any of the classes I have had all through, not only because I was taught well, but, more importantly, I learned HOW to learn – something I sadly do not see much of in my years since. The most memorable teacher I have EVER had was Mr. Mei, whose Math classes were so skillfully presented that I can still see him in my mind's eye. Yes, we learned how to think. We may have gone to school in the 50's, but the methodology was way ahead of the pedagogues of the time. Also, we all became comfortable and giving members of society due to the Christian courtesy classes we had – I have never felt like a misfit anywhere I have found myself in any situation because I remember how to behave. The spiritual formation at Maryknoll has stayed with me and continues to this day.</p> <p>This year our class celebrates its 50th year after graduation (Form V), and we are having a big reunion in Toronto. We have stayed in touch all these years as very close family, and this inspite of the usual diaspora after Maryknoll. When we are together the years just fade away, we remember all the nicknames and special personalities of each one, and it is a matter of seconds before were are “in school” again.</p> <p>I am not in a position to offer any kind of job to a student, but given my vast experience and contacts in the field of Music, particularly in the southeastern US, I would be happy to mentor anyone who is interested in pursuing music, especially piano.</p>

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110	<p>1. given me a well-rounded education that prepared and nurtured me to learn and achieve</p> <p>2. taught me Christian values, kindness, love, compassion for family, friends and acquaintances, unity, sharing, caring, and respect for life and others.</p>
150	<p>Sister Henrietta, Sister Matthew Marie, Sister Dorothy and Sister Eucharista had the greatest influence on me while I was at Maryknoll. They were great teachers and motivated me to learn. Sr. Henrietta even taught me catechism after I left Maryknoll. However, I did not get baptized till I was at Mount St. Vincent University. Sr. Henrietta had stayed at our home when she last visited Toronto around 1975.</p>
176	<p>Maryknoll has influenced my life to a great extent. I have lived my life with the Maryknoll, its spirit and values. It is my guiding light as Wife, Mother, Teacher and Administrator. I am proud to say that the Maryknoll values have helped me raised two very fine children, one a successful Engineer, and the other a prominent Lawyer. I also have a large circle of friends who have similar values of life, and they enjoyed friendship with me because of these values. Thank you, Maryknoll !</p> <p>I am willing to give career talks to MCS students, but due to living away from Hong Kong, this will not be feasible.</p>
189	<p>The Sisters and teachers of Maryknoll Convent School have been excellent roll models for me as I was growing up in Kowloon Tong. My analogy is that they have given me a “full reservoir of Faith” from which I can draw strength during troubled times of trials and tribulations, during different stages in my life. But one thing remains in my memories....that some of the happiest years of my life were spent in Maryknoll Convent School and St. Teresa’s Church.</p> <p>I have agreed to be a mentor for a Form 6 student who may be thinking of going into Interior Design as a profession.</p> <p>Yes, Irene Djao Chu, Justice of the Peach, class of 1958-9 (Form 6 & 7). She is an accomplished pianist, organist, and artist/painter. She sits on the board of numerous educational as well as government organizations. She gives her time & support diligently to each organization she represents, and never says “no” to people who need her help. To me she is a remarkable person. Yet, through all her accomplishments, she remains a person of quiet humility. You may remember her as the official organist at St. Teresa’s Church during the parish years of Father Orlando</p> <p>Irene now resides in Toronto, Canada. Her e-mail is ire necchu@rogers.com</p>

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222	<p>Maryknoll Sisters, as well as Franciscan Sisters who taught me at St. Rose of Lima's School before I joined MCS, have influenced me greatly in my spiritual life as well as in my academic life. I appreciate really the effort they put in education us. Sorry for the delay in completing this survey.</p>
72	<p>I learned much at Maryknoll. First and foremost, I learned to love to read. I learned about organization, the importance of curiosity and acquiring skills. I learned to type, I learned the use of computers. But, above all, I learned to live with passion. I learned that God was, is and will be.</p> <p>I would love to talk with MCS students about development of a profession, and if mentoring is helpful, I will do so. However, I live in Shanghai now and may have to do so at a distance. I will be retiring in 2008 and with more time I should be able to provide help if I can.</p> <p>We have many able Maryknollers. So many that it will be very difficult to name each and everyone. The following are a few:</p> <p>Julie Kit Chu, for her development of a career in tourism. Angeline Yeung chen, , a top notch psychiatrist. Wand Chan, , hotelier. Rosa Ross. , restaurateur. Minnet Hsia Fukuda, ' computer programming. Emily Limpe, , executive of chemical company. Irene Cheung Shen, , exceptional skills in organization.</p>
130	<p>Sister Henrietta Marie, Sister Dorothy, Sister Marion Frances, Sister Duchesne</p>