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71	<p>Maryknoll fostered more creativity than most other schools, and even though it couldn’t help me develop as a writer (since no schools in Hong Kong really taught creative writing in the 1960’s), the teachers inspired my interest in literature and writing and I did ultimately become a full time novelist and writer. In particular, two English teachers, Mrs. Liao and Lyall were influential in my secondary years, and Sister Miriam Xavier taught me the value of strength of character.</p> <p>Yes I would be happy to speak to students who are interested in writing creatively and want to explore that possibility as part of their future. I spend some time in Hong Kong each year so if you contact me by email I will be happy to speak to classes about balancing career and passions (I worked for 18 years in international marketing while writing fiction).</p> <p>Maryknoll fostered more creativity than most other schools, and even though it couldn’t help me develop as a writer (since no schools in Hong Kong really taught creative writing in the 1960’s), the teachers inspired my interest in literature and writing and I did ultimately become a full time novelist and writer. In particular, two English teachers, Mrs. Liao and Lyall were influential in my secondary years, and Sister Miriam Xavier taught me the value of strength of character.</p> <p>Yes I would be happy to speak to students who are interested in writing creatively and want to explore that possibility as part of their future. I spend some time in Hong Kong each year so if you contact me by email I will be happy to speak to classes about balancing career and passions (I worked for 18 years in international marketing while writing fiction).</p>
212	<p>The Sisters demonstrated self-reliance at a time when career development for women was rare. The Sisters also showed us (the students) that we could specialize in any fields we wanted women could be Scientists, Mathematicians, as well as Home Economics. The most memorable statement that I still remember came from Sister Miriam Xavier when she told my dad that what is important is in a person’s mental, not physical, abilities. (My dad lamented my physical handicap of being a right-leg amputee.) Sister Rose Duchene has been a steady and solid link to my Maryknoll Heritage.</p> <p>Because I am located in the U.S., giving career talks may not be logistically possible. What type of mentor program is available?</p>

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12	<p>Some examples, or should I say, stories for you are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="145 438 2107 502">1. I was in Form 2 and my science teacher was Ms Gertrude Chan. Ms Chan taught us how to write up a proper science experiment report and years later I found myself teaching my children how to write up their science experiment report! Yes, they received A’s for their reports.<li data-bbox="145 550 2107 614">2. I learned about the “x” axis and “y” axis – the Municipality of Delta is based on the “x” axis and “y” axis – streets run north to south and avenues run east to west and they are numbered like the graph! I never get lost in North Delta!<li data-bbox="145 662 2107 726">3. I taught my son, Brian, multiplication and division and all about square-roots and cube-roots, triangles, parallelograms, trapeziurns, octagons, etc. when he was only 6 years old – his Grade One teacher thought he was a ‘genius’! It is no wonder that Brian is good at Math!<li data-bbox="145 774 2107 805">4. And our dear sewing classes taught me to sew Brian’s and Michelle’s Halloween costumes throughout the years!<li data-bbox="145 853 2107 917">5. Sister Matthew Marie was my class-teacher in Primary 5 and she used to have us sing “when You’re happy and You Know – Clap your hands!” – this was one of the first songs I taught Brian and Michelle!<li data-bbox="145 965 2107 1061">6. Hey, if you asked me to do a cross-section of a hill or mountain, I would do it in an instant; if you asked me about the meanders and ox-bow lakes, “angles sum of triangles”, “pye=22/7”, “sin and cosin”, etc. I could tell you in an instant! We have been taught well and as such we retain this knowledge to this day.<li data-bbox="145 1109 2107 1252">7. One day not too long ago, I found myself explaining the Spring and Fall equinox and Winter and Summer Solstice to my secretary. She was amazed when I reached for a blank sheet of paper and drew a circle in the middle to represent the sun and four circles with axis tilted, one circle on each side of the sun – each one representing the planet earth on March 21, June 21, September 21 and December 21 – she understood immediately! I did not suddenly wake up one day to research this; I merely tapped into my long-term memory to retrieve it!<li data-bbox="145 1300 2107 1332">8. I am a “great” shopper! Learning percentages has me doing the discounts “in my head” when I shop – never need a calculator!

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12	<p>In general, I learned that even though a task might be difficult, it is possible, rather than backing off with the notion that because the task is difficult, it is not possible.</p> <p>I could definitely fill a thousand, and more, pages but I think the foregoing gives a good idea of how special Maryknoll Convent School is – it is so very much more than being “just a school”! Thank you, Maryknoll Sisters, Teachers and Fellow Maryknollers!</p> <p>I am most willing to be a mentor for a Form 6 student and to offer a summer job to current students in my notarial practice, but geographically, it is a little difficult because I live in Canada.</p> <p>Sorry, I can’t help in this department.</p>
58	<p>True fellowship</p> <p>No</p>
196	<p>Yes, talks related to health care.</p> <p>Yes, Anne Kong</p> <p>I had spent 12 wonderful years at Maryknoll. The education has provided me with confidence, independence, self-esteem and compassion to others. I was baptized at P6 and had firmly held by faith to God. I am very grateful to all my teachers, Sisters and friends.</p>
206	<p>I am forever grateful to the MCS Sisters for all that they have done for me and for so many others.</p>
207	<p>I am proud to be a Maryknoller and grateful to Maryknoll Sisters for all that they have done to Maryknoll Maryknollers!</p>
223	<p>I travel back to China/Hong Kong twice a year, if timing is right, will be happy to share my experience with students who are interested in exploring career in engineering, purchasing or planning to attend college in USA. As the parent of a freshman, I have gone through the application process with my son, exploring various universities and finding the right college for him. We are very happy with our selection.</p>

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42	<p>When I left Maryknoll for the U. S. in 1970, I enrolled in a highly rated public school in Los Angeles. I found that my English was as good or better than my peers, and that my math skills were superior. I already knew everything they were teaching in 10th grade in geometry. My grammar and spelling was very good, and I had no problems understanding English or speaking it , and no one had a problem understanding me. The basics that I was taught at MCS has served me well throughout my life.</p> <p>I think that the values that I was taught at MCS were just as valuable. It taught me to be aware of others, to have compassion, and to treat everyone w/ respect and dignity. It was also helpful that my schoolmates came from varying economic backgrounds.</p> <p>Since I am in California, I am in no position to give career talks.</p> <p>Hi Sister Jeanne!</p>
90	<p>Before coming to the States, I spent 3 years as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner.</p> <p>That was an easy choice for me, a coming together of different callings – Biography reports we had to do for English class brought me to Albert Schweitzer and Tom Dooley, 2 amazing human beings who both dedicated their lives to serving God and the poor through the medical field. So when I decided to become a nurse, it was with the intention of serving where the need is greatest. Through the Social Service Club in school, I’ve seen many Maryknoll Sisters and their ministries for the poor – Sr. Marie Ann Lipetsky and her community, living in a one-room housing unit; Sr. Teresa Dagdag and her factory ministry... those were for me as a teenager very powerful witnessing of Christ’s love. So when it came time to choose the organization to go overseas with, Maryknoll Lay Mission Program was ideal.</p> <p>Assigned to Tanzania, East Africa, I worked in a clinic run by the Consolata Sisters, where we were 4 nurses trying to take care of an average of 300 patients a day.</p> <p>Our day started at around 7:15am, and ended when all the patients are cared for. After that, we take a break, and some of us go back to the clinic to make preparations for the next day, while others head of to the Parish to give what we at Maryknoll would call “domestic science” classes to teenage girls, as most children in Tanzania only have elementary school education, and then are left to roam the streets till they become parents – less than 10% had the privilege of attending secondary schools.</p>

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90	<p>I felt totally inept when I first arrived, fresh from language school, and only about a year out of nursing school, but the local people are the most understanding and accommodating, and made me feel at home soon enough. With their patience, I was also able to improve in my Swahili, and before I knew, was doing nursing, teaching sewing (yes, thanks to the sewing classes at MCS!), nutrition and cooking in the domestic science classes that we ran in the afternoons.</p> <p>I feel very privileged for the experience of my years serving in Tanzania, because in serving, I learned and received from the local people a lot more than what I was capable of giving. I became the evangelized instead being there to evangelize. Amidst the simplicity and sheer poverty of the people and life in general, I felt closer to God than I have ever felt before or since.</p> <p>How has Maryknoll, the sisters, teachers and fellow Maryknollers influenced my life? My life has never been without Maryknoll! The education at Maryknoll has held me up wherever I’ve been. I still keep in touch with Miss Nancy Yu and Miss Edith Wong, even though it’s been 35 years since I graduated – they will always be my teachers. I still hear some of their admonitions as loud and clear as if it was yesterday! I still have contact with Maryknoll Sisters I have met along the way, both at school and after. Whenever I meet a Maryknoller, even if it’s one I’ve not known until that chance meeting, there seems to be this kinship that is kindled, like we come from a common past, therefore share something in common.</p> <p>So how has Maryknoll influenced my life? I have to say it IS part of me. In fact, next week I will be heading to Maryknoll, NY to have a 25th anniversary reunion of the Lay Missioners who went into formation together. That’s why I have to skip the cruise – hard decision.</p>
100	<p>MCS’s well-balanced curriculum (back in 1970’s) has provided me with a solid foundation to enable pursuit of tertiary studies and I have always been proud to be a Maryknoller. I believe that apart from academic excellence, developing a social conscience with genuine empathy and active services for the less fortunates of the society are also important for Maryknollers.</p> <p>I am already a mentor for 2 F6 students from last year, and would likely sign up again this year.</p>
114	<p>My 11 years studying and growing up at Maryknoll Convent School has become an integral part of my life. The teachings from all my Maryknoll Sisters and teachers in academic areas in etiquette, and morality have strong influences in my adult life, both career wise and family wise. It has certainly helped me make important decisions and face challenging situations. I still feel closely connected to Maryknoll even though I graduated more than 30 years ago. I am an always will be a proud former Maryknoller!</p>

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201	<p>No doubt Maryknoll and the sisters have been major influence in my life, as much as my parents did. The school has provided a warm, caring, and safe environment for us to grow up and I didn’t realize it until I left school. Seems to be all sunny days at school – chewing grass with Sister Mary while sitting on the lawn, reciting poetry, practicing with Sr Agnes on a speech competition, and simply listening to Sr Jeanne talking about how to be a Maryknoller, not to mention eating fish-balls with Winifred Lin, visiting a Wah Yan Chinese scholar with Ms Luk, going through the tests with Ms. Yu, ... the list could go on forever, and it seems to be just last week, despite it is some 35 years ago.</p> <p>The values that the sisters installed in us: trust in God, caring for the community, that we are special and therefore should be generous in giving – all these are pillars of principles that guided me away from temptations of the real world. I also see that in many other Maryknollers as well – the feeling of being special does not manifest itself as arrogant nor egoistic, but rather as very caring about the community, the world.</p> <p>I am already a mentor of two wonderful young Maryknollers – Jennifer Ho and Winnie Yiu. It is such a joy to know them. I have to thank them for their time with me, which they could easily use in school work or with friends of their age. In them I see hope, energy, and a very caring person – the Maryknoller spirit is alive and kicking!</p> <p>Would I come back for career talks. Sure. Though I’m not sure what I can talk about since I’ve left the formal corporate life and have a portfolio of work which includes both consulting with investment firms in the area of human resources, and being a partner of a NGO.</p>
64	<p>In Primary school, English Teacher Miss Kong decided my handwriting was (still is) atrocious. As a result, I needed to copy 1 page of the “Treasure Island” daily. That lead me to a great interest in reading, and I was reading my sister’s F6 novels in P6. Firmly believe that to be primary reason for current ability for English fluency.</p> <p>In Secondary School, joined Girl Guides – 6th Kowloon. Girl Guider Miss Wong was interested in us as persons and cared for us as individuals. She would threaten us with long talks if our schoolwork were not up to the standard that she believed we were capable of, as well as encouraged our school and “team” spirit. Still indebted to Miss Wong for keeping me on the straight and narrow.</p> <p>Just a couple weeks ago, heard that a high school friend is in a coma via the Maryknoller network. Really heart warming to know the number of Maryknollers who takes time out to go and visit and pray for our high school mate. That sort of Maryknoll spirit is not something I witness with any other group of people. Really makes me proud to be associated with the school.</p>

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40	<p>Maryknoll gave me the foundation of who I am today. It ‘protected’ me, shaped me and taught me my basic values. It provided me with a safe environment for growth, a positive attitude to face all facets of life and a kind and attentive heart to be appreciative of my family and to love my community. I fondly remember the pleasant & accepting environment, the warm friendship and the opportunities to learn and later on to lead. Maryknoll gave me a sense of belonging, an identity as I was growing up. All that was very crucial, especially for a puzzled and confused young person. The self love that I took away from all this helped me become strong and confident, to welcome and deal with challenges. The selflessness that the Maryknoll Sisters modeled gave me a great example of service to community. Perhaps even more important was my vow to treat each person kindly and to bring out the best in each person who I come across. I love my school and what it had helped me become.</p>
41	<p>I was most impressed by Sister Jean Houlihan. After every speech that she made (at assemblies and at special occasions), I always felt very good about myself and everything around me. I remember that she always tell us ‘to strive to be happy’. During my secondary school years, Sister Jean brought in new teachers, who in my mind, made a difference in my life as they brought in so much new energy and new ways of teaching. The new teachers motivated us to perform better at school.</p> <p>Thank you, Sister Jean, for all the hard work you have done over the years. You could not have imagined how many students have benefited from your work and leadership.</p> <p>No one can argue, Miss Wong, the physical education teacher made a difference in almost every one’s life. She is so energetic, so friendly, and so much loved by all.</p> <p>There are of course many other teachers who deserved our mentions.</p> <p>All the experience gained in my extra-curricular activities formed a solid base for my future career, especially in project management.</p>

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46	<p>What I am today owe much to how I was groomed to be a Maryknoller. Our sisters, our teachers prepared us well to face life challenges. It is a privilege and an honour to be a Maryknoller, and we should never take this for granted.</p> <p>Yes, On Hotel Marketing and/or Internet and Interactive Marketing.</p>
133	<p>During my school years in Maryknoll, our science class was very close-knit. We studied together, we played together and we laughed together. After leaving school for over 30 years, we still keep in close contact with each other thanks to the internet and the diligence of our class rep Irene Li.</p> <p>When I first went to the University in London, I had a culture shock after I came in contact with a wider range of people with different background.</p> <p>Now after passing the age of 50 and look back, I find Maryknoll help me to have confidence in myself, more open minded and have empathy in other people. I find all my Maryknoll classmates I hope including myself have a trait of not petty-minded. So it is very comfortable to associate with them. I think why we are not petty minded is because we have confidence in ourselves. Having confidence in myself does not mean always believing that I myself is always right. It also means that we can acknowledge our own shortcomings and be more generous with other people’s shortcomings as we don’t need to highlight other people’s shortcomings in order to show our superiority. I remember when I first bought and run my own business in1996, I was not as experienced as I am now, at that time I was very reluctant to admit that I was wrong or I did not know the answers of the queries asked by the customers. As for now I am much more confident with my work, I am readily to admit my mistake or my ignorance if it is warranted.</p> <p>I think why we have confidence in ourselves is because we have good education and Maryknoll gave us a foundation of good education. I have heard more than once that Maryknoll girls have special aura. I think that special aura is self confidence which emanated into different ways.</p>

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202	<p>Growing up in a very poor family, Maryknoll has shown me compassion and generosity, equality and fairness. Though my fellow classmates were all from middle income or wealthy families, I never once felt being looked down upon. The school has given me opportunities for growth and exposure in a trusting, caring and open environment. I learnt to live life positively and confidently with hope and passion. While I was constantly bathed in the good nature that our school, the sisters, teachers and fellow classmates have bestowed on me, I also learnt the joy of sharing, giving and contributing.</p> <p>My active participation in the Students’ Association throughout the secondary school years (I had been the class rep every year since Form 1, Chairman of Extracurricular Activities of the Students’ Ass in Form 5, and Head Girl in Form 6 – 1975) has helped sharpen my organisation skill and shape my leadership quality. It contributed to my readiness for the challenges in my first few years of work life.</p> <p>I am willing to serve school in any area that I may be able to help.</p>
203	<p>When I was in Primary 5 & 6, Maryknoll has imparted upon me a positive, liberal and a caring culture, disciplined entrepreneurial spirit, with prayers and hymns that accompany me throughout my life. Lessons on Religious Studies had been most inspiring, with textbooks quoting vivid essays like Martin Luther King’s talking about head winds and tail winds.</p> <p>In my days with the Catholic Institute for Religion and Society, Sister Mary Lou Martin of the Maryknoll Sisters had been a most devoted pillar in the Institute, always sharp and bubbling with energy in everything she did even in her seventies, until she retired. Her humble luster is my guiding light.</p>
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25	<p>School days at Maryknoll instilled in me the importance of discipline, perseverance and hard work -- nothing comes easy – and that’s what I always tell my daughter. Since I do not reside in HK anymore, I am unable to participate in any career talks at Maryknoll.</p>
108	<p>The sisters and the school provided a solid foundation for my future. The standard of English, quality of education equipped me to cope well in the western culture. I am most grateful and happy to be an alumni.</p>

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136	The Sisters and teachers have helped me to learn and grow into a happy and confident woman. I learned the value and passion of life, respect, beliefs and friendship. I learned to be thankful to God for what I have. I am content and always thankful for what I have. I enjoy life, my family and my friends. I still keep in contact with my fellow-Maryknollers. I am always proud to be a Maryknoller and still remember the fun that I had at Maryknoll. Lots of happy memories.
2	xxxx – Novelist (Pen name: Xuxi) xxxx – work for world bank in Washington. DC – But only visits HK occasionally
11	When I’m overseas and feel lonely or helpless, I know I have my fellow classmates, friends always there for me. They may not know what’s going on in my life or understand the situation I’m in, but I know they will always support me. When I’m in doubt what actions I should take, I make sure I do not do anything that might shame my school. Apart from all the invaluable knowledge that I learnt in school, I’ve been taught in school a set of values that has become part of me and has helped me to make important decisions in my life. I am proud to admit that even I might have faced discrimination (sex or race) when I’m in another country, I have never doubted my own worthiness. And when I meet someone who is in lower hierarchical position, I always try my best to treat the person with respect and equality. And I cannot but say that I am grateful that my attitude has been molded by the teachings and exemplary behaviors of Maryknoll sisters and teachers.
76	<p>It was a privilege to grow up in the beautiful environment of Maryknoll. We were free to make our own choices and be successful in the academic field. We were given the best teachings to build integrity and nurture spirituality. We learnt to be grateful for all we have - to be optimistic and happy in spirit and character.</p> <p>I was most impressed when I visited Maryknoll Sister’s home in New York State during 2004 “5th Worldwide Reunion”. I met with sisters who actually works with AIDS patients in underdeveloped countries – I think their selflessness, strength and love has no boundary. I have kept at my bedside this print I picked up during my visit: This is the true Maryknoll Spirit!</p> <p>“... I shall light a candle of understanding in thy heart, which shall not be put out...”</p>

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76	<p>“God of all compassion, comfort Your sons and daughters who live with AIDS. Spread over us all Your quilt of mercy, love and peace.</p> <p>Open our eyes to Your presence reflected in their faces.</p> <p>Open our ears to Your truth echoing in their hearts.</p>
120	<p>Good Teachers touched my life and my heart. I am forever grateful. I remember Ms. Betty Chan from P5. She’s so soft and sweet to us. My wonderful math teacher in P6 Ms. Liu took that extra step and stayed after school to prep me for the exam, tutored my little stagnant Math brain. I loved her. My homeroom teacher in F1 Katherine Tsui, guided us with such motherly love. Pandora Khor, what a fresh breath of gentleness, she actually gave out her home telephone number the first day of class, now that’s commitment, that’s courage, that’s love! And of course Ms. Edith Wong, oh, who can forget Ms. Wong, such a dedicated soul, using sports to groom us into mature, responsible and disciplined ladies. “The school we love.....Maryknoll”</p> <p>I have been a little out of touch but certainly would love to hear from all. If they are from Maryknoll, we know they all must have great stories to tell!</p>
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213	<p>Maryknoll is my foundation. I truly believe it has shaped me in more ways that I can articulate it. I still recalled fondly the dedication of the teachers and the sisters during my days. From the dedication and the tenacity of the sisters, I have truly understood the meaning of sharing and the toughness of mind, two virtues that I am now trying to instill in my own children. THANK YOU, SISTERS.</p> <p>P.S. Mr. Lee, I still cannot be as eloquent as you are.</p> <p>I do C- level executive search, and will be more than happy to share. I am already a mentor of a Form 6 student.</p>

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4	<p>Maryknoll, and everything that came with it, including the buildings, trees, air, sunshine, people, challenges, emotions, anything good or bad, constituted that very precious part of my growing up and learning to stand on my own with righteousness, faith, confidence, passion and love of mankind. Life and living would never be the same if not for the time spent in MCS and the things and people I met and interacted with. Looking back, MCS is like your second home where you can feel embraced by the love of God. You can’t help but to sing praises to God and spread that love to people around you.</p> <p>Willingness to offer voluntary services to MCS – definite.</p> <p>Maryknollers with accomplishments – will look out for them and refer to you.</p>
94	<p>Yes, the School Song that sums up the Maryknoll spirit has always resonated in me. The song, which talks about serving home, country and the world, has taught me to look beyond myself interests and dedicate my ability to the good of those around me and to Hong Kong. Many teachers’ understanding, caring of students and the Catholic tradition have inspired my management philosophy. I can still remember the gathering at assembly hall where Ms Pandora Khor organised sharing and comforted students.</p> <p>I’ll be happy to become a mentor for a Form 6 student.</p>

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129	<p>The approach to religious study by Maryknoll helped me relate God’s teaching to everyday life rather than resisting it as some doctrine in the bible. The moral behind the teachings was thereby naturally assimilated into my values as I was growing up. This has been instrumental to my personal development into a person of integrity (and this is irrespective of whether I am a devoted catholic or not).</p>
134	<p>MCS always focuse on allowing personal development, rather than academic achievements. The freedom we enjoyed helped us to develop self confidence and independence which are invaluable in our adult life. I sincerely thank the love and support from the sisters and teachers when I could stay on in MCS for form 6 and 7 despite my mediocre school cert results. Those 2 years allowed me to be better prepared for the future.</p>
141	<p>MCS has provided me with the confidence and foundation to function in the Corporate working world. I have learnt to be articulate and am not afraid to voice my opinions in tough situations. In addition, the school is known for its academic strength, of which I am proud to be a part of.</p>
170	<p>Maryknoll sisters, teachers and fellow-maryknollers definitely have played a significant role in influencing my life. The peaceful school environment, the role model examples from the Maryknoll sisters and teachers, the friendliness from the fellow-maryknollers are factors for the success in my life. I believe in integrity and it has embedded in me from the first day I entered Maryknoll. The Maryknoll spirits should pass on generation to generation.</p>
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194	<p>Many of the former MCS girls are still within our orbit, that is, we are still in touch. The Sisters helped us to grow in self-worth, to come out of ourselves and to be upfront when dealing with issues that have become more difficult. Use of the English language helped me to deal with people of all races with ease. Students graduated from MCS are slightly more ‘open-minded’ than others and self-confidence (not pride) is also a plus when working with other people.</p> <p>Yes, I would very much like to give career talks at MCS, except that I reside normally reside in Canada.</p>
197	<p>The influence from the Sisters, the teachers and fellow Maryknollers on me had been fundamental, foundational and profound. The influence has extended well beyond the mere transfer of academic knowledge; the 14 formative years that I spent at Maryknoll had taught me the Maryknoll spirit and values which have served ever since as the guiding light for me. The liberal and trusting way of teaching had helped us build an all- round character as well as our confidence and poise. That is the reason why Maryknoll girls always stand out in a crowd. If my parents had not sent me to Maryknoll (or the School had not accepted me), I would not have been the same person as I am now. Thank you Sisters and teachers.</p>
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30	<p>I always have special memories of Maryknoll because of the foundational training I obtained to help me be who I am and to get where I am. I am thankful for the sisters, teachers, staff and the many good friends I have made during my 9 years at MCS. When I think back, my interests in swimming and guitar-playing were rooted in the encouragement I was given during my time at MCS. Of course, it is no coincidence that I am in education. Thank you to all the sisters, the teachers and the staff who each made a significant impact on my life. Thanks to all my classmates who made the school experience fun and memorable. Of the ones I have maintained relationships with all these years, they are indeed long-lasting friendships. All in all, I trust the Lord’s hands in placing me in different places including MCS to shape me to be the person I am today.</p> <p>Are you willing to give career talks at MCS, becoming a mentor for a Form 6 student or offering summer jobs to current students, etc.? If so, please indicate your specific aspects, areas of expertise or interest.</p> <p>I have limitations since I am in California but I would certainly be glad to assist anyone who is considering education here in the U.S. I have been making annual trips back to Hong Kong to visit family. If I could be of help during those weeks I am back, I would love to give a helping hand. I take about 3 weeks of vacation time in Hong Kong between December through January.</p>

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43	<p>I am particularly impressed by the teaching of the Sisters that we have to respect the uniqueness of individuals. It has particularly helped me to respect needs of my clients when I was working in terminal care.</p> <p>MCS was where I first got in touch with Christianity, paving the for my baptism as a Christian.</p>
52	<p>I attribute much of who I am today to the education I obtained, or “claimed,” at Maryknoll (to paraphrase Adrienne Rich). It is very difficult to put in words how Maryknoll has affected my life, and all the more difficult to attribute it to particular Maryknollers, sisters or teachers. If you’d allow me to be vague, I’d say is the “atmosphere,” the air, if you will: the sense of being trusted and taken seriously (so that I won’ commit the mistake of taking myself too seriously!), the responsibility and challenges I and other students were encouraged to take up in and outside the classroom, the camaraderie and a healthy competitiveness among fellow students, and of course, a good solid education. The “life education” classes (do you still have them?) left me more questions than answers (even though I thought they were answers when I was young!) that actually guided my life—not only my career—upon graduation. All this gave me a deep sense of confidence, not so much in the sense of “I could achieve anything,” but more “I am no worse, no better than the next person, and I do have something to contribute, in my own way,” and that “for whatever I do, I put my heart and soul in.” This I apply to my teaching, ith good results too. For lack of a better word, I’d say that Maryknoll has given me a certain “grounded-ness,” being aware of where I am and doing what I can at this moment. “Maryknoll” obviously could not have existed without the sisters, the teachers, and students, from whom I have learned a lot, but at the same time, it is also more than a sum of all these precious constituents.</p> <p>I am willing to give talks related to developing an academic career, but I visit Hong Kong only twice a year during the time when classes are not in session and each time it’s a very short visit. But I am willing to give advice to individual students (probably via e-mail) who might be interested in an academic career. I am not in a position to offer summer jobs.</p>
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68	To be positive & have passion for life.
92	<p>I don’t think I can give any career talks at MCS as I have refrained from full time work for many years, but I don’t mind helping out in any way to help current students if needed.</p> <p>I have sent the questionnaire to over 40 classmates of our year, I believe they would reply to you at their own will.</p>

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155	Would be happy to mentor students if appropriate.
157	<p>I believe Maryknoll has and will continue to have a strong influence over me. Whatever achievements I have made, both in life and in my career, I owe them to the education I received at Maryknoll. My parents have always said that Maryknoll has transformed me from a shy, quiet girl to become a confident and outspoken young woman.</p> <p>The 13 years I spent at Maryknoll has been a memorable one, I have learnt to be confident, and yet need to be humble at the same time. Maryknoll Sisters have been great models, their commitment to educating young people in a country far away from their homeland had instilled in me the awareness of social issues and of those who are less privileged. I have learnt the importance of giving. At Maryknoll, I have been given lots of opportunities to participate in community service activities. I gradually developed an interest in, and later strong commitment to social service and to work for the less privileged.</p> <p>During my years at Maryknoll, I have also learnt to stand tall no matter what challenges we are faced with. This has helped me a lot in times of ups and downs. I am proud of being a Maryknoller. I am grateful for being a part of the Maryknoll community and for all that I have learnt and received during my days at Maryknoll. If there is any way I can contribute to the Maryknoll community, I will have no hesitation to do so.</p>
162	<p>I feel really honored and grateful that I spent an important 12 years at Maryknoll. From the bottom of my heart, I want to say that this period was a very memorable and precious stage of my life. To me, what I learned about life, love, respect and responsibility was even more valuable than the academic knowledge I gained. The dignity, confidence and courage that I have are the gifts from God as well as the contribution from the Maryknoll Sisters and teachers.</p> <p>Taking this opportunity, I would like to gratefully thank all who shared my life at Maryknoll !</p>
128	<p>In the basketball court, I learned about sportsmanship and socializing. In the lawn and garden, I felt bonded to nature. The red bricks had taught me about heritage and history. The hymns, retreats and chapel had fostered my spirituality. Agatha Christie and Ann Frank in the library had instilled my curiosity and intuition as well as my concerns for humanity and social justice.</p> <p>In MCS, I encountered passion, compassion, and humility. I experienced living life fully, meaningfully, and creatively. I developed my reflective self and my appreciation of personal growth. In MCS, I grew up to be frank and independent, playful and adventurous. I cherished the search for truths, the responsibility of doing the right thing, and the betterment of the society. And I heard the call to pass it on...</p>

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154	I’d like to thank the Sisters the principals and teachers from Primary to Secondary Section for their kindness and caring attitude. These have been influencing myself a lot, thus I have decided to let my daughters go through the same route. MCS and my school days there have brought me a lot of memories (sometimes particular incidents are still very clear in my mind), but most important, a lot of friends. Last but not least, I have always been proud of being a Maryknoll. Thanks again.
159	I only attended Maryknoll for 2 years but I only have fond memories of those days. I have worked in the Information Technology (IT) for 20 years by now, since 1987. I would be happy to share my experience in the field with Maryknoll students. I am also a devoted Christian and would be happy to share my experience of Jesus with Maryknoll students.
204	<p>Maryknoll is a big part of who I am. And I am glad to now have the chance to come back for a second helping of the Maryknoll traditions and spirit and the beloved Sisters who have devoted their lives to us. To me Maryknoll is about, above all else, trust and respect of the individual. It is also about daring to try, and an open-mindedness. And love -- beyond nationalities and creed.</p> <p>Yes, I will be only too glad to help in any possible way.</p> <p>Will do so.</p>
233	I still remember the teaching of Sister Rose Mary, Mrs. Lo (Maths) and Miss Tang (Chinese) and the good old days of playing marbles in the playground near the merry-go-round and jumping ropes in the cover playground