

## Part Three – My MCS Sharing by Alumnae of the 80's

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73	<p>The teachings of the Sisters and God have guided me throughout my life to be a caring, honest and responsible person. Fellow Maryknollers have become life-time good friends. I am very proud to be a Maryknoller.</p>
173	<p>Through Maryknoll, I learn to be confident and independent which are so important in today's society. The school had also prepared me well for life in the Western society. I felt totally comfortable coming to the US by myself for college without knowing anyone in this country. I owe the success I have in my career and my ability to assimilate into mainstream America to my MCS training.</p> <p>I would be happy to serve as a mentor to Form 6 students, helping them with any questions they might have regarding pursuing their studies in the US.</p> <p>I particular admire Wanda Chan who is now General Manager of the Warwick Hotel and President of our MCS New York Alumnae Association. Her email address is <a href="mailto:wchan@warwickhotels.com">wchan@warwickhotels.com</a>.</p>
190	<p>My life journey is one I would not have dreamt of when I was 19. I have been to Vancouver alone to start a new life and then later moved to Sydney to stay closer with my family. As I decided to be a mother then, my career did not start until I retrained myself in a Bachelor of Education course, in the distance mode. It took me four and a half years to complete and I am also a mother of three children. I am currently a school teacher in a disadvantaged area in Sydney, Australia.</p> <p>Life is so busy that I have not been keeping in touch with the old Maryknollers. My best friend, Ivy Pang, so tragically passed away at the age of 33, in 1996. I can only feel her in my dreams nowadays. I believe that I am in the process of understanding life and pursuing a real Christian life. I believe in God and as I get older, I realise the meaning of life and my mission now is to teach and love the kids at school and my children. I still remember very vividly the words from <b>Mrs Lily O'Hallihan, Mr George Coombes, Sr Agnes, and Mr Aloysius Lee</b>. Thank you. In 1977, Mr Coombes introduced to us Jonathan Livingstone Seagull and its reaching out to the sky concepts. I believe I am one of the seagulls who will fly high until it drops. If I can use my words, singing and hands in any way to bring peace and joy to another person, I will be there.</p> <p>I come from a humble family in Kowloon and Maryknoll has given my sisters, my family and myself a chance. Thank you. Maryknoll has given me a good education foundation and showed me the way of life.</p> <p>I would be happy to keep in touch with fellow Maryknollers who knows me on <a href="mailto:ngprentice@ozemail.com.au">ngprentice@ozemail.com.au</a></p>

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27	Building the sense of belonging, having the feeling as being part of the big family, and keeping in touch after graduation is very important. I am proud of being a Maryknoller in my life, and the Maryknoll school spirit is what I have been living up to. I can probably help to arrange summer interns to work in Standard Chartered Bank, but normally for University students or at most students about to enter university. I can also help to arrange speakers from the Bank to give seminars, but have to check with HR to see if they are interested in secondary students though we do have programs offered to university students.
67	With their selfless and untiring efforts in transferring knowledge to all students, Maryknoll sisters have always been an inspiration and keeps me motivated to give of my best in whatever I am committed to achieve. I will be happy to be a mentor for our Form 6 students.
116	Being a Maryknoller, I am very outgoing, positive, understanding and willing to share which makes me quite popular in the various fields I worked in.
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22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. already a mentor</li> <li>2. being “fully human, fully alive”</li> <li>3. being well-balanced: academics, sports, music/arts, community service, clubs</li> <li>4. the structure of class <a href="#">rep/monitor</a> ... voting, student body introduced me to democracy concepts to serving</li> <li>5. my Christian faith.</li> </ol>
33	To maintain high level of integrity and treat everyone in fair manner may not have a fast track in climbing the corporate ladder or gaining wealth. But by being genuine and dedicated, <b>no</b> matter in work or daily life would lead to a happy and healthy heart and rewards come in every day.
97	<p>The teaching and training MCS has given to me since I am 6 years old has certainly chapel me into who I am now. I have to give credit to MCS for distinction traits which I and other Maryknollers possess and are noticeable by others. These traits are typically, “High Organization Skills”, “Thoroughness”, “Meticulous”, “Highly Reliable”, “Caring”, “Sociable &amp; Friendly” and more the least “Demanding”.</p> <p>Yes, I am willing to help out in anyway.</p>
142	Not very pleasant. Not worth sharing
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199	<p>I am very proud to be a Maryknoller. Having studied in this school for 12 years, I had developed many valuable friendships. As we share similar education and social backgrounds, we trust each other and have been providing a strong spiritual support in all aspects of life.</p> <p>Moreover, having a daughter now studied in P.2, I feel that I have returned back to school again.</p> <p>I am currently one of the executive committee of Former Student Association, mainly responsible for membership. I feel honored and delighted to be able to serve and support MCS.</p>
211	<p>I would be willing to give career talks, but I don’t know how that would work out – being that I live in the USA. In terms of summer jobs, yes – for the student with the right fit – but again, I don’t know how that would work, being that my company is in the USA.</p>
29	<p>Maryknoll was an incubator that allowed me to grow, learn, and question. Looking back at those years, I think the most memorable part was the space that I was allowed (by the principal and the teachers) to experiment and to make mistakes. There was something restless in me by the time I was in senior secondary and I was painfully aware that I needed to break rules, test limits, and to challenge. The amazing thing was I remember the school just let me do it. That freedom and confidence implicit contributed to the person I am today.</p> <p>I would be honored to give career talks to the girls. I could talk to them about career in finance but what I would love most is to talk about direction in life and what it means to be a woman in the 21st century.</p>
36	<p>Having studied at Maryknoll with our Sisters, we have a strong sense of right and wrong, responsibility and always want to be honorable and acting with our bible knowledge in mind. Without being much of a ‘real catholic’ all these years ever since I left Maryknoll, a few years ago, I started going to church again. I go to a non denominational church, and benefit from the sermon of the pastor. I go to church regularly now and am proud of the Maryknoll heritage I have, which will always be a part of me.</p> <p>It is a small business at the moment, so not able to offer any career opportunities, even part time summer jobs.</p>

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60	<p>I sincerely thank all teachers and students at MCS who had helped me to development my potential and character. I believe our language skills and basic knowledge had a firm foundation since our kindergarten years. This facilitated learning in the university years and beyond. MCS has always emphasized all round development and encourage students to try and experience different academic, cultural and sports activities. Being a Catholic school, MCS also gave me the opportunity to slowly develop a steady relationship with God through Bible study as well as interaction with sisters and teachers at school. Some non-believers in my class eventually became baptized after they graduated and I'm happy for my friends. I also treasure very much those years when I was a member of the school volleyball team. We learnt a lot from <b>Miss Edith Wong</b> and <b>Miss Eleanor Ho</b> about team spirit and sportsmanship. I am always proud of being Maryknoller.</p>
93	<p>MCS has given so much to me in forming my high level of standards, being taught to be lady like, having fun especially at Halloween, Swimming Gala and outings, picnic, etc. The focus on extra curricular activities e.g. choir, debate, interschool functions had shaped my outgoing personality, and built confidence.</p> <p>Maryknollers are known to be not only good in our studies and grades, but are all rounders, in manners, interests, involvement in society, grooming. I do not know another school which has given so much freedom and fun to their students! Schools in HK are too serious and dry, and focus only on grades but not overall development like at MCS.</p> <p>I would be happy to give career talks, and share my struggles so far since I left school, living overseas in Australia alone, finding my first job without help nor referral, finding myself and what I want in life on personal side.</p> <p>I would be happy to be a mentor of a Form 6 student. I was a former Swimming Team Captain and House Captain in 1984. Hope I could help our next generation.</p>
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10	Throughout my academic and career years, I have taken pride in having studies at Maryknoll Convent School for 14 years. I have always taken to heart the extremely meaningful and valuable education, and, more importantly, the various teachings of life offered by my mother school. I fully appreciate the dedication and commitment demonstrated by our Sisters and teachers who in their concerted efforts provided us with an environment conducive to the provision of an outstanding and quality educational platform under which students like us can learn and grow. The Sisters and teachers have all been great role models for us so that we are constantly conscious of holding dear to our hearts and putting into practice the great Maryknoll spirit and qualities at all times. I sincerely thank our mother school in grooming us to become a truly all rounded, independent and, in most cases, highly emotionally balanced fine female who has the wisdom, perseverance and courage to combat challenges ahead. Also, as mentioned in Part Two above, I had provided Career Talks to Maryknoll Convent School students in the past and I would like to continue with such efforts if opportunities arise. In this regard, given my background, I believe I would be comfortable in giving talks or presentations relating to legal and financial work areas.
20	I am who I am because of Maryknoll.
55	Teachers who were supportive, caring, and fair were the ones that touched me the most (figuratively speaking, of course), especially when I was not exactly a model student. In turn, I tried not to be a judgmental person, but open-minded, fair, and at times, even caring and supportive. I am a self-confident person, because of my parents and also because of the teachers who believed in me. I am grateful to the teaches, who crossed my path, encouraged me and taught me being kind and sincere are just as important as being successful, if not more. I am grateful to my teachers, both from primary and secondary schools (Kindergarten was too far away to remember, except for <b>Sister Rosemary</b> ’ kind face and the scary, dark restroom next door to the kindergarten classroom). I am also grateful for the friends that I made in MCS. I do not keep in contact with all, but whenever we do get together, it is easy to just pick up from where we left off. We have gone through so much “hardship” in our MCS days, studying for exams & quizzing each other before classes, finishing up homework during lunch, getting into trouble for the alleged mischievous acts, etc. I feel comfortable to call my friends from high school, when I needed someone to talk to or just when I am bored. I am grateful for all the friends I made in MCS. The other thing I wanted to mention is that the academic and sports challenges from my MCS days really helped me professionally. I do not believe I will be as focus, thorough, discipline and analytical as I am now, if I had not taken those History classes in Form 4 & 5 or classes like Literature, Math., etc. Funny thing is, being fit physically was not the best thing I got from sports teams/clubs. Going to those relentless after-school sports practices and shared the common goal with my fellow club members, i.e., winning, helped made me discipline, focus and trained me to be a better team player.
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74	<p>I always felt a part of the Maryknoll Convent School and very proud of being a fellow Maryknoller.</p> <p>I don’t mind offering summer jobs to current students but she must be 16 and above work in Kingston International School . She must like to work around young children and have patience.</p> <p>I also don’t mind to share my experience with how I became an educator and started my own School.</p>
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83	<p>Maryknoll has changed my life in so many ways. Coming from a non-religious family, I made my way through exams and got admitted into Primary 5. My first impression of the school was a mixture of awe and wonder. I realized a very different learning mode from my previous school. Penmanship was my first challenge. Then when I learnt phonetics, it became my lifetime asset in the mastery of English. Studying in an all-girl school wasn’t all “serene”. The girls always had so much fun exploring the dark corners and hidden stairways around the red-brick campus. My favorite was art class and I loved the Art Room. I remembered staying after school to finish a giant mosaic artwork there. Yet, my only regret was that I still couldn’t manage my strokes and kicks in the swimming pool. Secondary School is definitely one of the most enriching periods of my life and absolutely enjoyable. I made a few lifetime friends and still stayed in close contacts even we were not all living in Hong Kong. From Form 4 to 7, I was actively involved with the Social Service Club, which had given me valuable experience with the under-privileged groups. The school encouraged our active participation and giving back to the society. Up till now, I am still involved in voluntary works if my schedule allows. Secondary school life was eventful and had always been my favorite memories. I was an active member of various joint-school functions committees and hadwork with other students and organizations, in which I learnt how to cope with diversity. This had also become my personal trait and strength when I come out to work. I guessed my involvement with the School’s 60th Anniversary Yearbook Editorial Board as Layout Director paved way to my choice of tertiary studies – Communications in Baptist College. I was engaged in the advertising and marketing field for over 18 years now and I believe there is no other better career option for me. I had participated in sessions with Upper Forms to share my experience and career path. I had hired Maryknollers to work with me because the girls always show this unique trait and passion that I can relate to.</p>

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83	<p>Few years ago, I joined the Former Students Association Exco to help with the newsletter production because that is my profession. Then I had the opportunity to work with the School, PTAs, Sisters, principals and teachers on the 80th Anniversary Celebration dinner. I was fascinated by the enthusiasm and the esprit de corps. After joining the Foundation Exco, I realized that there were many things we could do to make a difference, but more voluntary hands are yet to be recruited.</p> <p>When I read “The Maryknoll Spirits”, I couldn’t agree more. I consider myself extremely fortunate and blessed to be educated in Maryknoll. I hope to pass on the light and enlighten the younger ones with the same spirit and blessing.</p>
101	It’s been a privilege to study at MCS. The School has provided education with heart.
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163	<p>Despite having left for boarding school after completing F3, my years at MCS were important ones that molded me and gave me the strong foundation on which to continue my ongoing personal and spiritual growth and development. The friendships that were established over the years have continued to flourish. There is always a strong motivation in me to keep doing something for the school. I have signed up to be a mentor, but so far no student has been assigned to me. Career talks/college talks – I certainly would like to do them. In fact, I’ve done a few sessions with <b>Mr. Lee’s</b> F6 class (2006-2007).</p>
168	I’m proud to a Maryknollers. Being graduated for over 20 years, I still love to hear and participate in any activities that happened in this School.
193	<p>My life in MCS was really fantastic and memorable, not just the academic knowledge and the friendships I gained, MCS helped me shape my character and ways of doing things in future. I remembered when I joined MCS as a Form One student, from a Chinese primary school, I had put a lot of effort to improve my English and to make friends with my classmates. Teachers were demanding but supportive, tough but empathetic.</p> <p>I enjoyed very much when I was in <b>Sister Agnes’</b> class. I remembered how she taught us to eat fruit using knife and fork. Her cheerful spirit and enthusiasm for teaching were amazing.</p> <p>I am always willing to be a mentor for the F.6 students. I believe I can share a lot with them.</p>
193	I have met some Maryknollers in my workplace. It was not difficult to “sense” somebody around you is Maryknoller. We became friends very easily and the barriers of the commercial world abolished naturally since we shared many things in common, eg, the style of writing, the tone of communication, the ways of doing things.

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16	<p>I never realized how much the Sisters and the teachers’ teaching had influenced me in a positive way probably until long time after I had graduated from Maryknoll and started working. There was always this sense of admiration from colleagues when they know where I studied in HK. While that sounded superficial, it was nonetheless a positive aspect and I felt that I had been given a life long gift that I can safely hold on to for the rest of my life. More importantly, I did notice over the years that there is indeed something concrete and unique among us Maryknollers. The sisters and teachers had always instilled in us a belief that if we put our minds to something. We can do it. We won’t always win, but we are always given a chance regardless or where we came from, what our background is or what our gender is. Each and everyone is given a chance, we just need to have the courage to step up to the plate. That makes us Maryknollers strong women wherever we go, as career women, wives, mothers and daughters. For this, I am very grateful to the Sisters and the teachers. I am willing to give advice to students who wonder about career in the financial industry. However, might be more useful if they are doing university studies and while they are doing it.</p>
35	<p>I am pleased &amp; proud of being a Maryknoller! I will not forget the 5 years I spent in Maryknoll. I am not a graduate from the Maryknoll Primary School, I came from another primary school &amp; the teaching language is mainly in Chinese. I got into the “Lucky Draw” with others &amp; I am lucky enough to be able to get one of the 2 seats allotted to my school net! My life changed since then! I remember I was very nervous on the day of registration although my dad was with me &amp; I remember very clearly that I wore a t-shirt with the faces of the “Charles Angels” printed on it, not sure if you remember this series shown on TV, my classmates always jokes about that every now &amp; then, this is why I remember this so well. The first 2 years was tough, I tried very hard in order to catch up with those who are graduated from the Maryknoll Primary School. At the beginning of my Form I, my class teacher partner us, those from other primary school, with those graduated from Maryknoll Primary School, we sit together in pairs during the lessons &amp; got help from the one who sit next to us. Some of my classmates are very good indeed, they are willing to spend time with us &amp; help us with the English, my mum even get me a private tutor at home to help me with the English &amp; homework: Although I got help from here &amp; there, still I failed in some subjects. I used triple of others effort in order to catch up, after 2 years of hard work, I manage to pass all the subjects &amp; got a quite satisfying result in the external assessment exam when I was in Form III. I even got a scholarship from Li Po Chun for 2 consecutive years! I would like to express my sincere thanks to <b>Sister Ann Carol</b>, my Form I class teacher &amp; <b>Sister Teresa Leung</b> my Form III &amp; Form IV class teacher, they are really nice to me &amp; is willing to spend their time &amp; effort in helping me with the English. I dare not say my English is very good, but with this 5 years of training in school, I am confident to speak English to a foreigner. My fluency &amp; pronunciation is obviously a lot better than the Form V graduates from other school. I dare not say my English is even better than those University graduates in Hong Kong too! Believe it or not, after 5 years of study in Maryknoll, I found myself love to read English books than Chinese, not only reading, I found myself can understand better when reading documents that are printed in English!</p> <p>My English obviously helps me a lot in getting a better job, especially jobs offered by a Multinational Company! Thanks to all the Sisters, teachers &amp; Maryknoll, without them, my life will not be going so smooth.</p>

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53	<p>I grew up at MCS. Looking back on those years, the spirit of the school, all the teachers and sisters, and maintenance personnel, the kitchen staff, all have been really kind. I truly felt like we were one big (VERY BIG) family. I still keep in touch with former school mates. In fact, one of my co-workers graduated from MCS ten years before I did and we still talk about school sometimes. I took a trip to HK five years ago and visited MCS. It seemed like just yesterday I was playing on the lawn, getting hit by the javelin that I was attempting (poorly) to hurl across the lawn. Of climbing up the high (very high, mind you, to a 6 year old) fence surrounding the basketball court. Of falling often on the ground and scratching up my elbows, hands, knees, etc. etc. and having Millie patch me up. Of having piano recitals in the Primary Section auditorium. Of the beads of humidity oozing from the wood work on the stairs. <b>Sister Rosemary</b> and the library. Having to stand on “the square” while queuing up for class. Speech Festivals. My gosh, the memories runneth over! Oh, and how can I ever forget <b>Sister Teresa</b>, the Debating Team.</p> <p>In all, I’m proud to be a Maryknoller. The spirit of Maryknoll truly have helped me through many trials and difficult times. Forging ahead on my own when I left for college, through pharmacy school, my first job, my career, family, etc.</p> <p>I hope my ramblings will help future grads. It’s an honor to be a Maryknoller. In time you will forget the Krebs Cycle, the differentials and integrals, the three laws of thermodynamics, etc. but you will never forget the life lessons learnt in the wonderful place call Maryknoll, the beautiful red brick school on the hill.</p>
98	<p>My Mayknoll education has instilled in me high work standards, superior skills in interpersonal relations, and written and oral communications, and confidence. I have consistently overcome stereotypes and obstacles to be the first to rise to my rank as a student affairs dean at The University of Chicago, a senior executive in Illinois state government, and now a senior human resources manager in the financial service industry. Following in the footsteps of the Maryknoll tradition of service to others, I am active in civic, community, and church activities as well. Although I live far away, I would be very happy to mentor MCS students via e-mail, particularly those who are interested in (1) boarding schools in US; (2) majoring in the humanities or social sciences in a US college or university; and (3) those with particular interest in public affairs or social/political activism. Please feel free to share my e-mail address with students who may have interest in these areas.</p>

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104	<p>MCS taught me about God’s love and salvation and has taught me many other wonderful things about life including ethics, respect for others, and self-confidence. Everyone at MCS has helped shape my life and I’m so privileged to be able to call myself and “old girl”. It has made a big impact on my spiritual, family &amp; professional life.</p> <p>Besides my work life, I’m also a Sunday school teacher, worship team member, childcare volunteer and co-leading a small group at our church with my husband.</p> <p>Since I reside in the US, it would be difficult for me to give career talks at school. But I’m willing to correspond with students who are interested in entering the engineering field (particularly electrical engineering) and have questions about it. Our company also her summer interns every year, if there is a need, I can forward their resume to the hiring managers, provided the students have proper visas for working in the US (e.g. fulfilling practical training under the StudentVisa).</p>
117	<p>The influence is more than words can describe. The Sisters inspired me to be calm, be considerate, ‘try my best and God will do the rest J’ Love and dedication always work, in things big or small. And most importantly, the school taught us how to build our inner strength. People are good at different things and so the abilities we developed on the way, from student hood to adulthood vary much. But the key is to try and don’t give up easily. Stay cool and use my brain to think - this is perhaps what make Maryknollers stronger, more independent and more resourceful.</p>
14	<p>My closer friends now are still those old fellow-Maryknollers. We keep in touch despite the differences in physical locations, family background and social status. I feel bonded with my old school friends whom we all share the same values, outlook in life and the wonderful memories we have had in Maryknoll. My two older sisters are from Maryknoll too and we all are very proud of being a Maryknoller and are grateful of all the learning we had from school, not just academically but how to become a confident and competent women in all walks of our lives. It would be my privilege to give career talks and/or becoming a mentor for a Form 6 students. Please feel free to contact me.</p>
84	<p>I have always been very proud of being a Maryknoller. I will forever be thankful for those special people, being the sisters and teachers at Maryknoll, who helped shape our minds and encourage us to think and dream, for making me who I am today. I am also grateful for all the precious memories and great friendships that the school has given me.</p> <p>I have participated in the 2006-2007 Form 6 mentorship program. It was a great experience for me, getting to know a younger generation of Maryknollers and sharing my experience with them. I look forward in continued participation in the years to come.</p>

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121	<p>Being a Maryknoller is one of the proudest things in my life. I think I am the last group of students who has studied in Maryknoll since kindergarten. I learnt a lot from my teachers, sisters and fellow Maryknollers. We, Maryknoller have our own penmanship which other schools don’t have. We all have great presentation skills, style and vision in life. We don’t study for marks/ points but for growth of a person. We learn to share, to debate, to compete, to handle failure, to read proper language, to write properly, to present, to behave appropriately, to response instantly,... We grow in an all rounded way. I remembered that there was even a class on table manner in prepare for our graduation. Maryknoll is a school with passion, history, trend leader, style and vision. It is so different from others that grow students for better grading. It was really wonderful days in my life to be a Maryknoller. My first job at Ogilvy &amp; Mather Advertising was actually hired by a former Maryknoller named Ruby Tang who is now a very core person in Martell. I need some time to locate her contact.</p>
137	<p>There is no doubt that MCS has given me a lot. Not only education but all of my life-long friendship, my bosom friends, life values and motivations, the countless sweet memories and even my characters to some degree are all great gifts to me from MCS. One of the best parts of my life so far is the years I spent in MCS. Everything back then was so pure and genuine. To use a popular term for today, I think that is what we call “organic”. J I am more than happy to share with you what I have in my “MCS treasure box”. This is my little advice to Maryknollers who are currently studying in MCS. What I am going to share are all readily accessible to you now. You may not think they are worth a lot for now but I assure you that all of them will only appreciate in value as time goes by. Do start to collect and cherish them now or you will regret when you finish your Form 5 or Form 7. The first, and I would say the most valuable, item is Friendship. The breeding ground of this first item includes the classrooms, bio lab, art room, front lawn, covered playground, courtyard, the hallway, the canteen, the swimming pool (also known as second bio lab because we found frogs and their eggs there), PE room and even the bathrooms. It was not only through learning academically and laughing heartily together that we founded our friendship. The numerous (but nothing serious) “kids’ fights”, the “sweats and tears” from working together to win the inter-class, inter-form, inter-house and inter-school competitions, the moments when we empathized each other during exams, release of HKCEE or HKAL results, and all other hardship, and all bits and pieces happened in every corner of the campus are all fond memories of mine.</p> <p>Infinite events and faces now come to my mind. To name a few, I still remember vividly how we spent many weekends on campus to rehearse the play and make props for the October Night. Arguments and disagreements were inevitable but they made up an important part in our growing process and let us practice conflict management at a young age. As a member and later the team captain of the Athletics Team, I and my fellow teammates sweated a lot running up the long and winding Ho Tung Road and Splint Road to train ourselves up for the annual inter-school athletics meet. We sacrificed our lunch time and sleep time to do weight training in the covered playground in the mornings and noon times. We finished the school work together and took bus 103 to Wan Chai Stadium for training two times a week. We went to La Salle Collage for the same purpose sometimes. We shared the glory from winning together and also lent a shoulder when we lost. Although we competed in the same event sometimes, that never hurt our friendship at all. Today, the ones who disagreed with me the most are still my good friends and same for the ones who competed with me in track and field. Contd.....</p>

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137	<p>Today, the ones who disagreed with me the most are still my good friends and same for the ones who competed with me in the track and field. To Carol (Chong), Dawn (Tang), Agnes (Leung), Anne (Wong), Lisa (Wong), Angela (Lam), Tina (Chan), Teresa (Leung), Winifred (Yeung), Wilma (Cheung), Jovis (Lin), Malina (Ngai) and Vanessa (Chow), although I live in Toronto and to some, we are a world apart now, you are always my bosom friends. Thank MCS for giving me all these invaluable gems. Friendship that I made at university or workplace is never as true and “organic”. In all these years, besides my family, it is my friends who always lift me up when I stumble and fall. Frankly, there are issues that I share only with my friends but not my family. After all, I grew up with my MCS friends. We know each other so well that at times we do not have to say much but still can cater to each other’s needs. A gentle pat from a true and supportive old friend is worth more than a million seemingly comforting but actually empty words. The second item is a more pragmatic one. It is all the skills and education that MCS equipped me with. They shape my career path, my ministry to God, and to a certain degree, my characters.</p> <p>MCS let me experience and learn what leadership is. I served as Amethyst’s house captain in Form 5, Athletics Team captain in Form 6, and Extra-curricular activities Convener in the Student Association in Form 6. I came across a lot of my “first times” at MCS: the first public speaking, the first direct election, the first team work and the first victory as well as major failure etc. I grew up to become an organized, responsible, dependable, persistent and confident individual. All these traits enable me to be well-received as a good employee in my workplace and a reliable person in general. I would like to thank <b>Miss Margaret Yeung</b> and <b>Miss Kitty Wong</b> for trusting me to try out new ideas when I served in the Student Association from 1986-1987. I also want to thank all of my schoolmates who once worked, and tolerated, with me in different teams and clubs. Nowadays, all organizations depend on team work to succeed. MCS was where I first learned about team work and team spirit. By being the members and officials in various clubs, teams and the Student Association, I learned how to grow up together with my teammates, work towards a common goal and bring the best out of each other. I also owe my English proficiency to MCS. Thank <b>Mrs. Lydia Huang, Mrs. Christie, Sr. Teresa Leung and Mrs. Lyall</b> for their tremendous patience. My English grades turned from “red marks” in Forms 1 and 2 to an A in HKCEE. I still remember how Mrs. Huang taught us phonetics and how to pronounce “th” by checking all small details (including where our tongue was) in our pronunciation lessons. I still do not understand how Mrs. Lyall could find time to mark our bi-weekly compositions and correct every error in them, not to mention that we had about 40 students in a class and at least 500 words in a composition. My standing ovation to all of our English teachers. (Note: <b>Mr. Aloysius Lee</b> was only a history teacher at my time and it is a regret that I did not have a chance to be taught by him.) Although my English skill is far from being perfect, a lot of native English speakers are amazed by me speaking it as a second language. Whenever I am asked where I learned my English, I always proudly tell that I graduated from Maryknoll Convent School. My English skill also equips me to become a worker for God’s ministry to teach ESL (English as Second Language) in a local church to new Canadian immigrants who mainly came from Mainland China.</p>

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137	<p>Another treasure I have is my achievement in track and field. A big BIG BIG thank to <b>Miss Eleanor Ho</b> and <b>Miss Edith Wong</b>. Although I was only a weak, short and thin girl who was very unnoticeable, Miss Ho introduced me to the Athletics Club when I was Form 1. I panted after running a few laps. I tripped over the hurdle and lost the inter-school game but Miss Ho and Miss Wong never gave me up. Miss Wong even introduced me to a great athletics coach Lau Chi Keung who later trained me up to become a successful long jumper and 100m/200m sprinter in Hong Kong. I represented Hong Kong to compete in an international athletics tournament held in Seoul, Korea when I was Form 3. Not only the medals and awards I achieved in both internal and external competitions, MCS Athletics Team let me learn what sportsmanship is and how to be a humble winner and at the same, a loser who will never give up. Without MCS giving me the chance to participate in all those training and competitions, I do not think I would have the endurance and stamina to deal with all challenges in life thereafter. Certainly, the encouragement and lessons from Miss Wong and Miss Ho give me a lifetime benefit too. Miss Wong came to visit Toronto this summer. When we met up, we were still laughing at how she reprimanded me in Form 2 when I was so much shorter than her and how she <b>STILL</b> was reprimanding me in Form 7 when I was half a head taller than her. Miss Wong was tired of holding up her head to speak to me and at last, she <b>ORDERED</b> me to sit on the bench to let her continue her lesson. That was a funny picture! No student, including myself, likes to be reprimanded by teachers. However, when I look back and think about it now, reprimanding involves a lot of emotions and energy from teachers. We call those emotions caring, compassion, concern, and love! Teachers are not paid to offer us such but the sisters and teachers in MCS always go the extra miles just to ensure that we would all grow up to be a good person.</p> <p>Not only being a student, my heyday in MCS also includes the time when I was a teacher. I had taught in MCS for two years after I finished my undergraduate degree in HKU. I developed great friendship with some of my colleagues and students. We still keep in touch, although I have lived in Canada for more than 13 years. I have done several jobs throughout these years. Undoubtedly, teaching is the one I like the most. In addition to having the opportunity to give back to my mother school, it is definitely delightful to see how my students developed from being green and innocent into some sophisticated and responsible young ladies. Teachers in MCS played a very important role in my adolescence. I hope I could pass down the MCS heritage and be the same influence to coming generations of Maryknollers. If my family did not choose to migrate to Canada, I would unquestionably be still teaching in MCS.</p> <p>It is the Maryknoll spirit that fuels me to become who I am today. I am a faithful servant of God, a caring daughter and sister, a loving dog owner, a loyal friend, a diligent employee, an accountable co-worker, and a responsible citizen. No matter where I am and how many years I have graduated from MCS, I always take pride in being a Maryknoller.</p>
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216	I am influenced towards a love of knowledge. I volunteer my time on a regular basis in the community. Maryknoll fostered my sense of serving others, as I was lucky enough to receive the education that I did. My mother Pauline Yuen was the Librarian for the Secondary school for many years, so I spent more time at the school than most other former students. I remember playing in <b>Sr. Jeanne’s</b> office when I was around my son’s age (6). My son met Sr. Jeanne last year when we visited. He still remembers this!
89	<p>Maryknoll has encouraged me to speak up and built my leadership skills at a very young age. Also instilled in me a strong sense of integrity and our duty to help others.</p> <p>I will always be happy to help and I would be happy to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be a mentor</li> <li>2. Offer summer jobs</li> <li>3. Give talks</li> </ol>
172	<p><b>Miss Edith Wong</b> – Her encouragement supports me all through the years esp. during rough times. Her caring personality and patience guided me through my secondary years. The influence extended and made me a caring person with patience while training and working with my teams at work. I also joined the mentorship program of HKU to assist the young ones.</p> <p>I’m happy to give career talks, be a mentor and offering summer internship. My expertise’s on marketing and PR.</p>
6	I think all the sisters, esp. <b>Sister Jeanne</b> have really big influence in my life. Their spirit and philosophy have been in my heart and soul always. It has made me a strong positive woman in the society. I always feel the courage. I have for going thru tough times comes from the spirit and knowledge I obtained from Maryknoll. I’m very proud to be a Maryknoller. I do not mind to give career talk at MCS if I’m needed.
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45	Other than emphasizing on strong academics, the Sisters and teachers also groom us to be a sociable, flexible and confident person. As such, I am able to adapt well in new environment when I worked at New York and Singapore.

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91	The extra-curricular activities at school and the opportunities to lead and organizing various kinds of activities in many different levels are important foundation in any walks of life. An encouraging and motivational environment nurturing students to develop their own opinions and views are similarly important. The focus on steering students to learn beyond scoring exams for the sake of taking exams will no doubt encourage the meaning of acquiring true knowledge. Happy to give career talks. Unfortunately summer jobs in the finance fields only limit to college students who are scheduled for graduation in 12-24 months.