

The 5th Annual Report for Maryknoll Convent School Foundation, Inc.
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In “Forever be true” I quoted Mother Mary Joseph Rogers “Let us go and see what God has in store for us”. I would like to paraphrase this quotation, Let us see what God has accomplished with past and present students, teachers, parents and friends of MCS.

There is no doubt in my mind that this has been a banner year for the Foundation with six bi-monthly meetings held in the secondary school.

- 1. The Form VI Mentorship Programme continues and gets better each year. This indeed is a testimony to our Foundation members, whose values are shared with our present students. What is easily perceived is the growth in the programme to meet the changing needs in society and our response with values that are not measured in dollars and cents.*
- 2. “Forever be true” is an unbelievable success story that any publisher and writer would be jealous of. Two printings, the 1st of 2200 and the 2nd of 1300 and with a third printing possible. Our gratitude goes to fantastic team led by Amy Ho. They are Teresa Chan, Sandra Chang, Fiona Chung, Anna Fung, Grace Kao, Christine Lee, Irene Li, Amy Lo, Gidget Lun, Teri Tsang, Haminah Wahab, Coco Wong; also Mr. Aloysius Lee, Mr. Yan Kwong Yuen – our secondary teachers, as editorial advisors and Sounds & Silence and Excellence, respectively; Andrew Jackson, Joseph Kainz and Jenny Lam for the DVD. They never let personal obligations interfere with producing our heritage book.*
- 3. Accolades to Dr. Catherine Lam and Helen Lai Yu, who have forged ahead and have helped us to be pioneers in having on-campus educational psychologist and to find with the help of our own clinical psychologists, Mary Lee & Helen Chan, a team of clinical psychologists for our students. This is both to meet needs of present students as well as future students. The educational psychologist, Mr. Danny Wong, under the supervisor of Ms Eva Sum, a renowned Ed, Psychologist, will be running parallel classes for some of our primary students who need different and supportive help in learning and developing. Students, who need a clinical psychologist for depression or anorexia and other serious medical problems, will be referred with consultation of the parents. Amy Ho has assumed chair for the liaison committee consisting of teachers and principals in both sections of MCS.*
- 4. Our Norfolk Island Pine tree was in headlines. Maryknollers responded from all over the world. Save the tree, cut it down immediately was voiced. Let me assure you, Mrs. Josephine Lo has acted and is acting to make sure that students and pedestrians are safe.*

A scheduled inspection of the tree is in place. After the typhoon last month, the structural engineers checked the tree as part of scheduled inspection.

- 5. Our primary enhancement team for English with the guidance of Judy Yuen, have been very*

faithful to the task. Teresa Ling, Velma Roberts and Prisca Woo are all into their third year of service. P2, P 5 and P 6 are the beneficiaries of these extra classes. Thank you. Other tutors are Belinda Li, Colleen Yenson, Eileen Chiu, Haminah Wahab, Laurentia Tai, May Wong, Monica Tsang, Rosemary Chan, Sharon Tsui, Susan Louie,

6. *The Primary ESR – External School Review was completed last school year. We can be very proud of our school, which received a very, favourable report because of Mrs. Josephine Lo’s leadership and our dedicated and professional teachers.*
7. *The secondary ESR is in process. Mr. David Coles had a preparatory meeting with the secondary teachers in July. Dr. Coles has completed his work with the EDB and Mr. Joe Leung will be the EB leader. As in the primary school they will shadow some students picked randomly and they will follow the students we have selected. They will meet with managers, panel heads, and follow 50 lessons of teachers; some of these will overlap with the shadowing. They will also speak with Student Association officers and representatives, prefects and house captains and other students across the forms. These reports are not for publication; parents may view the results on-line.*
8. *Abbe Wong, is the chairperson of the MCS Educational Trust. The trustees have been excellent stewards of the monies collected and distributed. We will need to fund raise in 2010 to meet the salaries of net and potunghua teachers and other above standard practices and the Educational Psychologist to Clinical Psychologist services. The extra teachers and above standard practices, e.g. air conditioning are supports in continuing excellence of MCS.*
9. *Nancy Tong is presently collecting stories from Maryknoll Sisters to make a DVD of our mission and ministry in Hong Kong and China. The DVD should be ready for the WWR in February. Will I see you there?*
10. *What tasks are before us in 2010?*
The Foundation will follow procedures to set up the MCS Primary Former Students Association. This is necessary for IMC Incorporated Management Committee. The association can interface easily with our present FSA. We will be calling on MCS primary graduates for this association.

The second task is for each member of the Foundation to find five new members. to ensure the future of the Foundation as the sponsoring body of MCS.

Last, but not least, my sincere thanks for fabulous council members, who keep MCS moving forward in the 21st century. Helen Lai Yu, Amy Ho, Lydia Huang, Hilda Kan, Barbara Hung, Cindy Chu, Joanne Yao, Kenzie Lau, Maria Lee, Janet Chang, Sisters Rose Duchesne, Marya Zaborowski, Gloria Ko Yip and Maggie Chau. Finally, special thanks to Mr. Thomas Wong of CWCC, our auditor and Mr. Lester Huang of P.C.Woo & Co, our legal advisor.