

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2013

September 23, 2013

Dear Foundation Members,

The year 2013 has been a busy and eventful year for us all. At an EGM in March, Foundation members approved the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association ("M&A") that include more content to facilitate the formation and operation of the new Incorporated Management Committees ("IMC"s). The new M&A also spells out with greater clarity the role of the Council vis-à-vis those of the IMCs. On August 31, the IMC of MCS (Primary Section) and the IMC of MCS (Secondary Section) were formed, replacing the previous School Management Committee ("SMC") as the management body of MCS going forward.

The SMC had helped guide our beloved school throughout the years. Its managers had served Maryknoll tirelessly and the wisdom they provided had benefitted generations of Maryknoll students. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Sister Jeanne Houlihan, Mrs. Lydia Huang, Sister Marilu Limgenco, Mrs. Gloria Ko, Mrs. Helen Yu, Dr. Maria Lee, Mr. Kwan Ting Fai, Mrs. Marigold Lau, Ms. Melaine Lee, Ms. Elena Shih, Ms. Alice Wong, Mrs. Teresa Chow, Dr. Nancy Fok, Mr. Paul Law, Mrs. Rose May Li Lau, Mrs. Josephine Lo, Mrs. Pamela Tan, Ms. Victoria Tang and Ms. Lucy Yen for their service to the SMC.

At the same time, Mrs. Helen Yu and Dr. Maria Lee, previously Supervisors, were both re-elected as Supervisors of the Primary and Secondary Sections and appointed as Chairpersons of their respective IMCs. For each IMC, seven additional Sponsoring Body Managers & Alternate Manager were elected and appointed by the Council following the procedures in the revised M&A after serious deliberation. At the time of writing, the lists of IMC Managers are as follows:

<u>Manager Category</u>	<u>Primary IMC</u>	<u>Secondary IMC</u>
Sponsoring Body	Helen Yu (Supervisor)	Maria Lee (Supervisor)
Sponsoring Body	Dorothy Chan	Kenzie Lau
Sponsoring Body	Sister Marilu Limgenco	Sister Marilu Limgenco
Sponsoring Body	Maria Lee	Helen Yu
Sponsoring Body	Kenzie Lau	Dorothy Chan
Sponsoring Body	Amy Ho	Maggie Chau
Sponsoring Body	Barbara Hung	Amy Ho
Sponsoring Body Alternate	Nancy Fok	Doris Kwan
Principal	Josephine Lo	Melaine Lee
Teacher Manager	Doris Yuen	Jocelyn De Castro
Alternate Teacher Manager	Joanne Hung	Joyce Lo
Alumnae Manager	Pinny Yip	June Lo
Parent Manager	tbd	tbd
Alternate Parent Manager	tbd	tbd
Independent Manager	tbd	tbd

We warmly welcome the IMC Managers on board. Serving on the IMC is an important task with much responsibility. The Foundation Council looks forward to working closely with the Supervisors and the IMCs in the years to come. One of the things the IMCs will be devoting much focus on from the outset is Teaching & Learning. We feel the Teaching & Learning conditions are very important for defining the quality of education a student has. We are fortunate to have experts' assistance in this area from our Councillors as well as consultants we use. In next year's report, we would hopefully be able to share with you more information.

Another important focus for us is Spirituality. The Maryknoll vision of a person is laden with values and grounded in spirituality. It is the central mission of the Foundation to keep that fire of spirituality alive at MCS. In the words of the Maryknoll Sisters, it is a task that belongs not only to religious men and women, but also to the lay people in the Catholic Church. As Maryknollers, we all learnt through Jesus Christ the hope and the meaning of life. Through our beloved Maryknoll Sisters' deeds and actions, we witnessed the love of God on earth. We need to ensure our younger fellow Maryknollers continue to learn what we learnt, love what we loved and still do about a Maryknoll education.

Internally we tried to streamline and upgrade a few things in the operation of the Foundation. Our committees in Membership, Communication and Information Technology have done excellent work and made the running of the Foundation even smoother and more effective than before. After much lively discussion, the Foundation Council adopted a Code of Ethics which has subsequently been shared with the IMCs, the FSAs and the Trust. We are constantly trying to improve our own operating standards so that we can deserve your trust.

Earlier this year, you may recall that there was considerable publicity in the media about the debate on Direct Subsidy Schools (DSS) vs aided schools. It was a topic that had been thoroughly discussed and considered by the Maryknoll Sisters. We at the Foundation maintain the view with the rationale spelt out in a public statement that was sent to all of you. Here is the gist of that statement:

Behind the Vision and Mission for Maryknoll Convent School is a philosophy for full-person development encompassing concepts of balance, values, and the spirit to serve others. We place a strong emphasis on not only the development of the individual, but also her relationship with others, with community, with Nature and with God.

We want to ensure Maryknoll Convent School can continue to serve girls and families from all walks of life and we strive to offer them an education of the highest quality.

Under the current education policies of Hong Kong, it is the view of the Maryknoll Sisters and the MCS Foundation that being an aided school would better allow us to carry out our mission.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have given the Foundation many years of dedicated service: Mrs.

Gloria Ko and Ms. Amy Ho who will be retiring from the Council this fall, Mrs. Lydia Huang, Ms. Janet Chang, Ms. Barbara Hung, Ms. Irene Li, Ms. Cindy Chu, Mrs. Joanne Yow, Mrs Hilda Kan, Ms. Francine Kwong, Ms. Lucy Lee, and Ms. Teresa Li who stepped down earlier. We are deeply indebted to Sister Jeanne Houlihan, Sister Betty Ann Maheu, Sister Rose Duchesne, Sister Agnes Cazale and Sister Marya Zaborowski who provided leadership for the Foundation before and Sister Marilu Limgenco who continues to do so today. They have all made substantial contribution to the Council and left an indelible mark on the Foundation and the Maryknoll community.

I am most humbled and honored to follow in the footsteps of the giants before me – Sister Jeanne Houlihan and Mrs. Helen Yu – as Chairperson of the Foundation. There are many many with more wisdom, experience and skills than me who can take this role. I accept it as a call to serve and hope that if you find a similar calling to serve Maryknoll, do step forward and let us know. Also please spread the word. Tell your classmates about the Foundation and encourage them to join as members.

May God bless you and Maryknoll!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maura Wong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Maura Wong
Chairperson of MCS Foundation Limited