



Not So Far Afield

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MARYKNOLL AFFILIATES IN HAWAII

Roseyn Devlin – Hawaii Chapter
and Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss – Portland Chapter

Six long-time residents of Hawaii with deep Maryknoll connections shared their stories over lunch at the home of Roseyn Devlin in Kailua, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. This Affiliate chapter began more than 10 years ago after Jack Sullivan recognized their Maryknoll connections, and that they were already meeting, and suggested they form a chapter. Several of the members knew some of the Maryknoll Sisters and the 25-year Affiliates honored at the recent Conference in Guatemala. Roseyn has also attended a couple of Maryknoll Affiliate Conferences in New York and while there visited some Maryknoll Sisters she knew.

The Maryknoll School in Honolulu was a connection for several Affiliates. Roseyn worked 22 years as the librarian, and Patti Shannon also served there. Ginny Klein's four children attended the coed school.

Betsy Connors served in Taiwan as a Maryknoll Sister nurse for several years before she left the order and later married Larry. Larry, now deceased, became a chiropractor in Hawaii and was part of the Maryknoll Affiliate Oahu chapter since its beginning. This October, Betsy and Roseyn attended and were inspired by the Maryknoll Sisters' gathering in Hawaii for sisters serving in East Asia and the Pacific.

Patti Shannon's uncle was a Maryknoll priest in Japan. She was happy to share tales from her husband's and her many short-term missions with Maryknollers in Thailand, Tanzania, Peru, Samoa, and China.

Two of the women, Maryknoll Sisters, had worked in mission in Hawaii for more than 40 years each. Sr. Earnest Chung said the Maryknoll Sisters have been in Hawaii for 90 years and served in various ways. They helped found Hawaiian Catholic Charities, schools, and orphanages, did family counseling, worked on adoptions, and assisted immigrants and the aged. Sr. Earnest, originally from Hong Kong, worked many years in various positions in Catholic Charities. Many Maryknoll Sisters were bilingual and had an Asian heritage, so they were especially valuable working with Asian immigrants in Hawaii.

At one time there were 165 Maryknoll Sisters in Hawaii.

Sr. Rosalinda Barrozo, originally from the Philippines, said she ministered to the Filipino field workers and their families in Hawaii. Even in her retirement, she continued to use her training in agriculture as she helped the aged learn to grow vegetables in small containers in their homes. During World War II, she was interned in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines. Later she learned that Maryknoll sisters had also been interned at the same camp.



Several Hawaiian Affiliates and their visitors at the December gathering: back row l. to r., Sr. Earnest Chung MM, Ginny Klein, Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss and Manny Hotchkiss, visitors from the Portland Affiliate Chapter, front row, Sr. Rosalinda Barrozo MM, and Roseyn Devlin.

These Affiliates have formed a community that supports all their efforts for peace and justice. They sometimes work together helping women who are in prison or are transitioning out of prison. Lucille Mistysyn (not present), now in her nineties, frequently volunteers at the Maryknoll School. Ginny leads a support group for people dealing with obsessive compulsive disorders.

The Hawaiian Affiliates would like their chapter to be considered part of a western region—either California, since some have family in California, or the Northwest.



GROWING INTO BUEN VIVIR

Connecting with Affiliates is one of the joys of being an editor of the NSFA. An Affiliate called me recently, emphatically saying, “We’ve got to keep that spirit of Buen Vivir in our Affiliate community. How can we do that?” We offer the NSFA as one way for Affiliates to connect and share living in harmony. We hope that articles in this issue will inspire your and your chapter’s growth in harmony. Several boxes in this issue offer specific ideas to nourish Buen Vivir.

We recognize that we are living in changing times. Octavia Butler, an award-winning Black, science-fiction author writes, “All that you touch You Change. All that you touch Changes you. The only lasting truth is Change.” We need to see and question the change that engulfs us. Bill Murphy (page 5) and the Easy Meeting (pp. 6-7) question, “Where are you going?” May we ask the questions to help guide the change.

Share your stories of growth and change in the NSFA (NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org).

COMING SOON!

Refugees and immigrants, racism, ecology, different ways of doing mission, and nonviolence are themes for future issues of NSFA. Please send us your actions or reflections in these areas—or tell us about your passions for Community, Spirituality, Global Vision, and Action.

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Maryknoll Affiliates are a faith-filled people responding in community to God’s call to participate in Jesus’ mission. We express the Maryknoll Spirit in the context of Chapters which gather for prayer, reflection, and action. We challenge one another to go beyond borders, locally and globally, to walk with the poor and excluded, and to strive for peace and justice for all of God’s creation. We recognize that the Spirit who guides us on our journey moves without boundaries and that God’s unconditional love is present in all cultures and peoples.

Affiliates share in the mission and family spirit of Maryknoll Sisters, Fathers and Brothers, and Lay Missioners living lives of service around the world. If you would like further information or an opportunity to attend a local chapter meeting in your area, please contact the Executive Coordinator of the Maryknoll Affiliates at P.O. Box 311, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0311 or e-mail him at rshort@maryknollaffiliates.org.



SAVE THE DATE

Attention Northeast Region Chapters

You are invited to participate in the NE regional meeting at Maryknoll on April 21st. The theme of the day-long meeting will be:

Balance: Balance in our own lives and Balance in our Affiliate Chapters

Join us for an informative and interactive conference with a contemplative eye on the present and a collective eye on the future. As the Affiliate Board and all the entities look ahead, we believe we must also pay attention to the present—what works, what doesn’t, and what ideas can be shared among the NE chapters.

Chapter contacts in the region will soon be receiving a conference schedule which will include details on how to register. Hope to see you at the Maryknoll Sisters’ campus in April.

NOTE: Affiliates from other regions are welcome. If interested, please contact Santa Orlando at santa-roo@gmail.com.

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE JOYFUL POOR*

Kevin Foy – Maryknoll National Director for Teacher and Catechist Outreach

A big part of my work is helping people process and relate to encounters with social and economic inequality, and to do so with the intentionality necessary to develop nuanced, respectful responses that engender authentic solidarity. This requires my own continued examination of common reactions by privileged people to encounters with people in more marginalized positions, and to develop intentional language to preempt, challenge, and reframe those reactions.



In that vein, I've been thinking a lot about the all too common takeaway, "They're poor, but they're joyful." I'm not unique in feeling that this language is problematic (to paraphrase Paul Farmer in regard to impoverished Haitians: they may have nice smiles and good senses of humor, but they still know they're living in desperate conditions). But I am finding it necessary to more thoughtfully

reflect on what accounts for this reaction, what truths are present within it, and, more importantly, why we need to challenge others (and ourselves) to think and speak differently.

Firstly, I do see value in confronting the surprise that we can feel at the joyful demeanor of people whom we had assumed, due to their economic circumstances, would come across as desperate and inconsolable. There can be profound humility in unexpectedly recognizing the face of Christ in the social outcast (more so if we do so with critical questioning of our initial presumption of joylessness). We come away feeling evangelized (or "re-evangelized") through encounter with people whom we are socialized to dismiss or pity.

Still, in our emphasis on the marginalized as evangelizers, we too often neglect to recognize them as prophets. As much as they may open us to the expansiveness of God's love, so, too, should they confront us with the depths of Christ's suffering. In

overemphasizing the former, we stand before the Cross less as faithful disciples, and more like the Roman soldier, speaking eloquently to what we witness while fulfilling our duty to Rome. We may find ourselves knocked to the ground as the heavens open before us, but we dust ourselves off and continue on our way. Amazed and impressed though we may be, we are not the ones to drop our nets or repay those we have robbed.

This is not entirely through individual fault. We experience the Gospel through the lens of privilege, which emphasizes the personal over the social. We understand Jesus as merely calling individuals, not recognizing that he is disrupting a society. In this light, we struggle to recognize that we encounter those at the margins not so much as disciples, but as Pharisees. As Pharisees, we have an ingrained desire to protect a social order that fulfills our wants at the expense of the needs of others. This limits our ability to be evangelized. We seek to muffle the fullness of their voices because it threatens to destabilize or even delegitimize the power our own.

As such, "They're poor but joyful" dampens these voices, and does so first within our own hearts. Disturbed by the language of prophecy, we dub it over with our own narrative. Even the more challenging implications of our muddled translation, such as the spiritual and social benefits of genuine reliance on God and one another, are framed as precious observations rather than a call to transformative action. On a broader societal level, by reducing people's complex and often painful realities to a perceived silver lining, we diminish the effects of poverty and deflect our responsibility to address its causes.



All of this carries with it profound implications on whether and how we respond to Christ today. Authentic encounter with Jesus is an encounter with the Cross. It disturbs us not only through the presence of Christ in the suffering of others, but by challenging us to acknowledge our complicity in that suffering. These things together steer us towards the fullness of charity and justice. We are called not only to wipe the face of Jesus as he carries his cross, but to build a society that no longer condemns him to die. To do this, we must distinguish between the dignity of people at the margins and the indignity with which we marginalize them.

*Adapted from Kevin Foy's 12/3/17 Facebook entry.

LIVING BUEN VIVIR IN LA

Hugh Menton – Greater Los Angeles Chapter

If you attended MAC 2017 in Guatemala, you will enjoy reading about the Greater Los Angeles Maryknoll Affiliates Chapter’s recent visitors. We learned that Daniel Caño, the Mayan spiritual guide who presented about Mayan spirituality and led a ceremony at the MAC, would be in the Los Angeles area in February, and after much communication, Tim Moffett, Sr. Kathleen Shannon, Kathee Bautista, and I, and a few others, spent an afternoon with Daniel Caño, his wife Teresa, and his sister-in-law Ana.

We gathered at Olvera Street, the location of the early Mexican founders of Los Angeles. After walking among the various booths, we returned Daniel’s hospitality to those of us at MAC with an enjoyable, tasty lunch at an Olvera Street restaurant. Over lunch we had rich conversation with Daniel, Teresa, and Ana about Mayan spiritual practice.



Photo courtesy of Hugh Menton.

Standing: Tim Moffett, Sr. Kathleen Shannon, Bill (with Tim), Daniel Caño, Kimberly Nuvem Bautista; seated: Teresa Caño and Kathee Bautista at an Olvera Street restaurant.

After lunch, some of us took Daniel and Teresa to Our Lady Queen of the Angels Cathedral, a few blocks away. We enjoyed the tapestries of John Nava and saw an exhibit of Catholic high school students’ artwork in a variety of mediums. We were all impressed that those young people had produced such interesting art. Daniel had his camera with him and took photos throughout the day.

Kimberly and Andres helped with translations. Kimberly Nuvem Bautista, who is bilingual, has lived in Guatemala, and Andres Garcia is an intern at the nearby Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers LA office. Daniel and Teresa thanked us frequently. The Caños’ connection with Los Angeles continued as Kimberly, who has friends who are spiritual leaders from indigenous traditions in Mexico, prepared dinner for Daniel and Teresa and her friends.



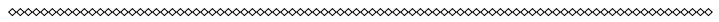
POPE FRANCIS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Marie Venner – Denver

Last November Pope Francis pointed out four perverse attitudes to avoid. First **denial** and **indifference**, but also **resignation**—that temptation to decide some of what is needed is impractical or not possible—and **trust in inadequate solutions!**



Laudato Si 165 says we must shift off of fossil fuels without delay, in our electricity/utilities and transportation. Now it’s time for moral action inspired by Pope Francis, Maryknollers, and the Global Catholic Climate Movement. *Come Holy Spirit!*



EARTH DAY

From the
Global Catholic
Climate Movement



Earth Day is Sunday, April 22. We’re raising a united Catholic voice to make the most of this moment. The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) is creating a complete resource kit for Earth Day to help your community celebrate, advocate, and educate for creation. The kit includes:

- Materials for a Creation mass, including homily helps and youth lesson plans
- Materials for an after-mass event to learn why clean energy matters
- Materials to advocate for your parish or diocese to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect vulnerable people from climate change.

Register now (<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/earth-day-2018/>) to receive GCCM Earth Day updates, first-look materials, and more.



BUEN VIVIR

Revive your spirit of Buen Vivir by getting together:

- Plan a special chapter gathering.
- Ask friends to join you in an action.
- Contact an Affiliate you haven’t seen in a while.
- Visit another Affiliate Chapter.
- Host or attend a Regional Affiliate meeting.

BEYOND THE JUBILEE

Bill Murphy – Board Member,
Boston Chapter

*“Tell me, what is it you plan
to do with your one wild and
precious life?” —Mary Oliver*



My wife, Jane, and I joined 21 Maryknoll jubilarians, who were marking 65th, 60th, 50th, or 40th anniversaries of ordination last June. The two-day celebration involved small gatherings of families and friends, as well as a huge and colorful liturgy in the chapel. Representatives of the four Maryknoll expressions—the Society, Congregation, Lay Missioners, and Affiliates—attended, and the chapel’s walls and windows reverberated with the sounds of brass horns, basses, and drums in full accompaniment.

After filling up on the spirit in the liturgy, we feasted on that special Maryknoll hospitality, a picnic with no end to the variety and quantity of food. People may not live by bread alone, but food is a good place to start.

Before the main celebration, family and friends joined the 50th Jubilee Class of ‘67 as they reflected on their lives and their 50-year commitment to priesthood. A bit like campfire sharing—warm, intimate, humorous, reflective, and vulnerable—it started on a sobering note: there are presently 300 Maryknoll priests and brothers in the Society; only 24 are under 60. Yet each missionary’s tales reflected tremendous joy, fulfillment, meaning, and peace. They told how they were sustained by their people; they would go to Peru to work for a year and end up staying 10 years. Or they would build schools and cooperatives in Chile for years only to have them destroyed by the dictator Pinochet. All in all, these missionaries tried to live not simply for themselves but stayed faithful to what they perceived was their God-given gift and listened to the call of the spirit as they journeyed through their lives.

Yet the ominous cloud of reality hung over me: 24 missionaries in the Society under the age of 60. Those figures are stark, but they don’t tell the whole story.

The story is much more dynamic and responsive, more adaptive and open-ended, more mysterious. What was founded as the Maryknoll Society (Fathers and Brothers) in 1911 has evolved into the Maryknoll Movement, with the Congregation of Maryknoll Sisters being founded 1912, the Maryknoll Lay Missioners in 1975, and the Maryknoll Affiliates in 1992. In that we see the subtle and mysterious workings of the Holy Spirit: what was founded as the all-male, clerical Maryknoll Society slowly and organically adapted to

the blowing winds of the spirit. Just as the universal Church in Vatican II was realizing the Church should be seen as the People of God (laity, clerics, religious, and hierarchy together), so Maryknoll was recognizing that mission is not just for clerical and religious professionals but is at the heart of the People of God.

Some contemporary theologians say the Church IS mission. Only 24 men under 60 years old is stark, but surely these jubilarians have been faithful workers in the vineyard, following the spirit. This resulted in the Maryknoll Movement. “Unless a seed fall into the ground and die...” And so it remains to be seen how well the various facets of the Maryknoll Movement will continue to be adaptive and attuned to the spirit.

The Maryknoll Affiliate Board encouraged me to coordinate a three-year experiment to reach out to younger people (under 50!) who are returning from cross-cultural experiences. Millions of young people, including college and even high school students, study abroad or work on Habitat for Humanity and other projects; parishioners in twinning parishes, JustFaith and other groups participate in immersion programs. They may stay for a week or two or a year and have varying depths of contact with locals.

Most sending groups provide preparatory training for the upcoming experience; but very few offer an organized opportunity to debrief the experience and help individuals integrate it into their future life journey. Kathy Morrison, Santa Orlando, Bob Short, and I have designed a four- to six-hour workshop, “Quo Vadis: Where Are You Going?” that provides a way for participants to begin processing their cross-cultural experiences and integrating them into their life choices.



It remains to be seen if any would choose to join the Maryknoll Affiliates to sustain and deepen their experience, but at least the Affiliates would be serving a significant population and nurturing the seeds of global community and compassion, like the jubilarians have. Affiliates who want to host the “Quo Vadis: Where Are You Going?” workshop in their area could contact Bob Short at rshort@maryknollaffiliates.org .





Poster displayed at MAC 2017.

EASY MEETING: THE POWER OF QUESTIONS

Ask and you shall receive.

Preparation

1. Read through this whole Easy Meeting. If your chapter is exploring a particular issue or concept, you could substitute your own issue.
2. Plan to have a practice run at the beginning of your meeting, asking questions on a general interest concept or issue.
3. Decide who will read the prayers and who will lead the discussions.
4. Have available some large pieces of paper and markers to record the group's questions, and paper and pens for individual use.

Meeting Plan

Opening Prayer:

*Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks, receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **Matthew 7:7-8***

Reading:

This Easy Meeting will use questions to help your chapter explore and unpack two issues or concepts. First practice the questioning process.

Sample concept: *Use of my free time*

Questions from participants could include questions like:

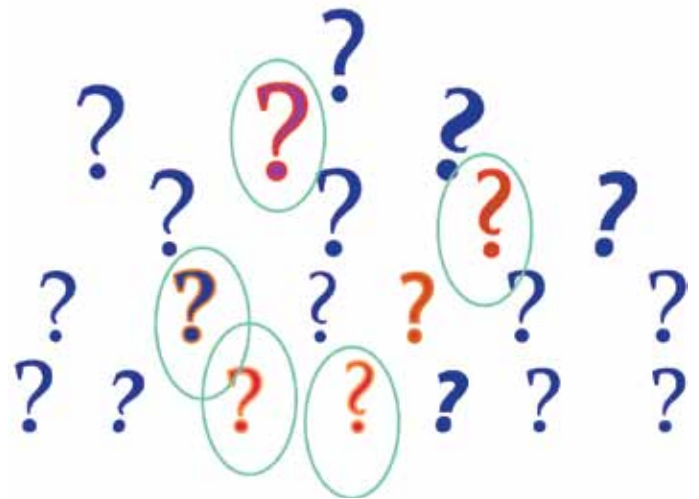
- Why do I waste time on TV?
- How long has it been since I went on a walk?
- When can we go dancing?

Discussion:

Your chapter's practice concept:

Allow a few minutes and let each person ask at least one question. No one may answer, comment on, or evaluate the questions.

Your chapter's questions about the practice topic:



Concept 1: Growing Our Chapter

Try to have each question go deeper than the one before.

As each question is asked, write it on a large sheet of paper.

Questions about Concept 1:

After a few minutes, pause and inquire if more time is needed for questioning. When the group is ready, ask them to select and underline key questions, without discussing the question.

Note those questions below and set them aside for consideration at a future meeting.

Concept 2. Building Our Community

Again, try to have each question go deeper than the one before, and as each question is asked, write it on a large sheet of paper. As before, question as long as is comfortable.

Questions about Concept 2:



Poster displayed at MAC 2017.

Select the key questions for Concept 2. Note those questions below and set them aside for consideration at a future meeting.

Debrief: Did your chapter find this process stimulating? Enjoyable? What other issues or concepts your chapter should pursue?

Closing Reflection: We Are

*For each child that's born
a morning star rises and sings
to the universe who we are.*

*We are our grandmothers' prayers.
We are our grandfathers' dreamings.
We are the breath of the ancestors.
We are the spirit of God.*

*We are Mothers of courage,
Fathers of time,
Daughters of dust,
Sons of great visions.
We are sisters of mercy,
Brothers of love,
lovers of life and the builders of nations.*

*We're seekers of truth,
And keepers of faith,
Makers of peace, wisdom of ages.
We are one.*

Follow-up:

Consider sending a summary of the questions to all your members, even those who were not able to attend, to prepare for their future participation. We encourage you to share your key questions and possible follow-up with other chapters and with the NSFA (NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org).



NURTURING SEEDS PLANTED BY MARYKNOLL SISTERS

Roseyn Devlin – Hawaii Chapter
and Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss – Portland Chapter

Hawaiian Maryknoll Affiliate Patti Shannon emphasized: “We need to be bringing more young folks into our Maryknoll Affiliate Movement. They are our future.” Others added that the Affiliates need to reconnect the students of the Maryknoll School in Honolulu to their Maryknoll roots.

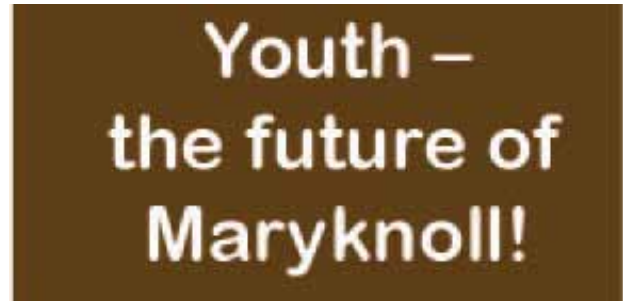
Hawaiian Maryknoll Affiliate Roseyn Devlin showed visitors Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss and Manny Hotchkiss the Maryknoll School in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she served as librarian for 22 years before retiring. Maryknoll School graduate Yvonne Morris was happy to talk about the school. Yvonne, who works with the Maryknoll Foundation which supports the Maryknoll School, emphasized that the school is “a loving place. That’s what the Maryknoll Sisters taught us.” The school’s motto is *Noblesse Oblige*: To whom much is given, much is expected. Yvonne said the Maryknoll Sisters taught them this responsibility by their example: after teaching all day, the sisters went out to help others.

In 2017, the Maryknoll Sisters and the Maryknoll School celebrated their 90th year in Hawaii. The school is proud of their Chinese immersion program, harmonious with the Maryknoll Sisters’ historical connection with China. It is no longer staffed by the Maryknoll Sisters, or even officially connected with Maryknoll, but the spirit of Maryknoll lives on in the service attitude engendered by the school. In a Maryknoll School publication commemorating the anniversary, several alumni of the school praised



Eleven Maryknoll Sisters currently live in Hawaii—Front row (l to r): Sister Ardis Teresa Kremer, Sister Maria Rosario Daley, and Sister Joan Chatfield. Middle row: Sister Rosalinda Barrozo, Sister Cecilia Santos, Sister Isabel Rabbon, and Sister Aurora de la Cruz. Back row: Sister Earnest Chung, Sister Eleanor Killion, Sister Bitrina Kirway, and Sister Yoo Soo Kim. Used with permission of the Maryknoll School.

the example and teaching of particular Maryknoll sisters. Roseyn Devlin is proud of her connection to the Maryknoll School and to the Punahou School, just two blocks away, where her husband, Jerry, taught for 40 years. Both schools are now coed and accept students from any religious background. Punahou was founded by Protestant missionaries and still has strong Christian values. A famous student of Punahou was President Obama. We saw “Obama” scratched in the sidewalk but we don’t know who did it!



The Maryknoll Sisters, Hawaiian Maryknoll Affiliates, and Maryknoll School continue to nurture young Hawaiians, formed for peace, justice and service, trusting that their efforts will bear good fruit.



WHO IS THE STRANGER?

Mef Ford – Boston Chapter

Hitchhiking across the country in his twenties, Sebastian Unger, author of *Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging*, carried a tent, sleeping bag, cookpots and stove, and a week’s worth of food. As he waited on the highway, a dirty, wild-haired man walked up the ramp and studied him. “Where you headed?” he asked. “California.” “How much food you got?” Nervous and afraid of being robbed, Unger lied. “Oh, I just got a little cheese.” The man shook his head and said, “You need more than that to get to California.”

He said he lived in a broken-down car and every morning walked three miles to a coal mine to see if they needed fill-in work. This was one of the many days that they didn’t. “So, I won’t be needing this,” he said, opening his lunch box. “I saw you from town and just wanted to make sure you were okay.” With that he gave him a bologna sandwich, apple, and bag of chips, probably from a local church.

What kept Unger thinking about this all his life was not that the man had been generous; many people are. But that this fellow had walked half a mile out of his way to make sure he was okay. He had treated the hitchhiking stranger like a member of his tribe.

Unger writes of what we can learn from tribal societies about loyalty and belonging, from disasters and wars

as times of great bonding, when each pulls for every other. “Humans don’t mind hardship. In fact, they can thrive on it. What they mind is not feeling necessary. And modern society has perfected the art of making people not feel necessary.”



So who is the stranger for us? Who is necessary and who dispensable? Whom do we consider and treat as outside our tribe? For most of us Affiliates, it is probably not the usual suspects—Serbs, Mexicans, and Iraqis, people of color and various sexual persuasions, etc. that we exclude from our kinship circles. They’re easy. Who is hard? Whom do we dismiss?

Close to home, one who doesn’t belong for me is my downstairs neighbor who is refusing to pay her share in a group plumbing bill that I have paid for. It is several reliably uncooperative community members who thwart consensus again and again because they must have their way. And definitely not in my tribe are self-serving wielders of power like certain politicians, gun lobbyists, partisan justices, and those who buy government influence.

Who is it for you? Priests who have abused children? The president? The pope? Callous polluters of the earth? Men who’ve taken advantage of women? Women who snipe at and undermine men?

It is not that harmful behaviors are acceptable. Or that the recipient needs to be “deserving.” Or that I pray ex cathedra for these misguided souls. And it’s not that I don’t take actions toward a more humane society. It is that my partisan mind and the ever-so-satisfying conversations maligning these unworthy outsiders further the alienation and divisions I suffer from and claim to abhor.

What to do? This is a newly consistent practice for me, so I take small steps. First, I genuinely bless myself with love and acceptance each day. Then, if I am able, I offer metta for each person I feel in opposition to. Metta is the Buddhist practice of wishing for the welfare and happiness of myself and other human beings. One by one, I express a desire: May you be happy. May you live with ease. May you be filled with loving-kindness. May you be at peace. May I have an open mind and heart. May I be at peace.

It is not at all easy to do this sincerely. But it’s a start. We need more than just a little cheese to get to our destinations. All of us. That is... all of us.




ICE HARASSES A PERMANENT RESIDENT

Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss – Portland Chapter

A minor victory cheered the more than 30 supporters attending William Gonzalez’s hearing at the Portland Courthouse this January. Some feared that the president’s removal of Temporary Protected Status for Salvadorans who came to the US decades ago might already be impacting people in our community.

William, a permanent resident, came to the US 38 years ago as a 12-year-old, with his mother who was granted asylum because of threats against her life in El Salvador. He has been harassed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) since he applied for citizenship. In 2017, ICE required him to wear an ankle bracelet though he has not been a flight or security risk and has only had one DUI infraction since about 2001. William has worked 10-12 years as a cook at the famous Benson Hotel and has been involved in the union. He says the bracelet has to be recharged about every 8 hours, making it hard to get a full night’s sleep. Sometimes ICE can’t detect its signal from the basement kitchen where he works. When ICE can’t detect it, they can come to his house to question him.

William and his lawyers said the support of 40 letters and over 30 people at the hearing positively influenced the judge who ruled that the bracelet was to be removed and the harassing visits to William’s home to stop. William still had to pay a bond and further hearings will determine his immigration status.

People at the hearing were from The Immigrant Support Network, Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ), ACLU, Havra Shalom Jewish congregation, Quakers, the Benson Hotel, and Unitarian and other churches. A representative from IMIrJ said it’s gratifying to see so many people at the hearing, but what is really needed is passage of compassionate Immigration Reform and the Real Dream Act. 



William Gonzalez thanks ACLU volunteer legal observer Cecile Baril (seated) and Manny Hotchkiss for coming to his hearing.

THE ROOTS OF OUR MOVEMENT: "THE EARLY MOMENTS"

WITH JIM MADDEN AND ELLEN MCDONALD

Sharon Mitchell – Albany Chapter

Most Maryknoll Affiliates know that our organization began in 1991 under the guidance of Fr. Jim Madden, MM, and Sr. Ellen McDonald, MM. However, members may not really know or fully appreciate how the founders' vision for its growth and future influenced the formation of the Affiliates Movement.

On June 28, 2000, Mary J. Murphy, Westchester Chapter, conducted and taped an interview with Fr. Jim and Sr. Ellen at the Maryknoll Center in Ossining, New York. It provided a forum for them to discuss the Affiliate Movement from their unique perspective; they were specifically asked to discuss the concept behind its formation, their hopes/vision for the organization, and their reflections on the Affiliates' development to that point. The interview was captured as a video entitled, "The Early Moments," with Fr. Jim Madden and Sr. Ellen McDonald.

Our Albany Chapter first viewed this video in 2011 when we decided to review the history of the Affiliates Movement and the Four Pillars. Since 2011, we have added several new members, and so we decided to review the history and the pillars again. After much searching, we were able to find and to view the video at our January meeting; we were pleased by our members' reactions. The general consensus was that this film is a valuable piece of Maryknoll Affiliate history, especially in light of the passing of Fr. Jim in 2014. Our members thought that the film was inspiring, moving, and heart-warming. The abounding joy, love, and enthusiasm of Fr. Jim and Sr. Ellen for the Affiliates and for the Maryknoll charism were so clearly evident as they spoke. We hope that other Chapters will consider viewing this important piece of our Maryknoll Affiliate history.

A few months ago, the Affiliate Board asked Chapters to consider our future--where do we want the Affiliates to be in five years? Where do you think that we will actually be in five years? Viewing this interview may be extremely helpful and valuable to us as we contemplate our responses to those questions. Knowledge of our past and of the vision of the founders may serve as a beacon to guide our future course, to keep us true to their ideals, to keep us from straying too far afield of their intentions and dreams.

If you are interested in viewing the interview, please contact Bob Short, Executive Director, at rshort@maryknollaffiliates.org



LOOKING FOR A BOOK CLUB?



Our fourth Book Group session will begin soon after Easter. We need your help to determine good times to meet and to select a book to read and discuss. The committee has come up with four possible titles:

- Faith in the Face of Empire
- A Sense of Wonder
- Thomas Berry, Selected Writings
- Flannery O'Connor, Spiritual Writings

Check out these and more Orbis Books at: <http://www.orbisbooks.com>. We also welcome your suggestions. To join a group, please contact Bob Short at rshort@maryknollaffiliates.org.

If our telephone book group doesn't work for you, an alternative is available. Robert Ellsberg, Orbis Books publisher, has recently announced:

*For those who enjoy Orbis books, and look forward to the type of spiritual and theological engagement reflected in this month's new titles, we invite you to join our new **Orbis Book Club**.*

*Next month we'll be launching this new reading club on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/orbisbooks>), beginning with Jim Forest's acclaimed work, *At Play in the Lions' Den: A Memoir and Biography of Daniel Berrigan*.*

Members will receive a discount and an opportunity to interact with the author and other readers. Help us spread the word!



CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP ENCOURAGES ACTION ON THESE ISSUES:

- The US Conference of Catholic Bishops calls on Catholics to take action for **Dreamers**. See the February 18, 2018, issue of *America Magazine* (www.americamagazine.org).
- "For many years, the Catholic bishops of the United States have been urging our leaders to explore and adopt reasonable policies to help curb **gun violence**."—Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida

See the complete article at <http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-210.cfm>.



FRIENDS ACROSS BORDERS TO TANZANIA

Maryknoll Affiliate and Returned Lay Missioner Bertha Haas will lead the FAB trip to Tanzania from August 17-26, 2018!

Application deadline is April 17. For details, see <http://www.friendsacrossborders.org/trips/tanzania>.



MARYKNOLL MISSION INSTITUTE 2018

Once again, the Maryknoll Sisters are offering a full slate of pertinent workshops. Does one of these topics offered in May-June have your name on it? Register soon to obtain a space. (A limited number of tuition scholarships are available.)

- * May 6-10 (four-day program)
***Navigating Life's Transitions:
Resilience and the Pilgrims' Journey***
Mariette Danilo, PhD
- * May 13-18
***Future Dreaming:
21st Century Possibilities for Christian Living***
Alice L. Camille, M.Div
Rev. Paul Boudreau
- * June 3-8
Spiritual Resources for Interfaith Peacemaking
Yehezkel Landau, D. Min
- * June 10-15
***Under the Baobab Tree:
Spirituality Nourished by Nature***
Janice McLaughlin, MM, PhD
- * June 17-22
***Facing into Chaos: Deepening Communal
Contemplation, Transforming Consciousness***
Nancy Sylvester, IHM, MA
- * June 24-29
Mission, Margins and Intercultural Living
Anthony Gittins, CSSp, PhD

See the July-August topics at <https://maryknollsisters.org/maryknoll-mission-institute-2/>.

Application forms, on-line registration, and program descriptions are also available there. Or you may obtain information by telephone: (914) 941-0783 ext.5671, or email: missinst@mksisters.org.

News from the Board




PAYING IT FORWARD

Bill Murphy –
Boston Chapter

I have been connected with Maryknoll in one form or other since my high school days: first, as a seminarian, then

as an ordained missionary in Tanzania. After I left and married my wife, Jane, I continued my connection as an alumnus through the Maryknoll Joint Committee and ultimately in 1992 was part of the founding group of the Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter in Boston. The simple truth is I have always liked the people I find in Maryknoll—they tend to be inquisitive, reflective, positive, and serious about Gospel values, but with a sense of humor. I find these qualities in all the men and women in Maryknoll and throughout all the four entities. I am especially grateful for the way I was treated when I left the Society – namely, with respect and graciousness as well as genuine compassion and practical help. This was not the typical response of religious orders at that time to those leaving the priesthood.

When I was invited to join the Maryknoll Affiliates' Board, I thought, how can I not? I was confident I would be working with extraordinary people with Gospel values at a unique time in history. So many people, younger and older, are struggling with institutional religion and yet becoming increasingly involved in justice and peace at home and abroad. I have found in the Maryknoll Affiliate movement a very practical and meaningful connection of spirituality, community, global vision, and actions for justice and peace. So why not pay it forward and challenge the present day *fishermen of Galilee* to: "Come and and see." 

BOARD AGENDA

At their April 2018 meeting, our Board will be discussing:

- MAC 2020 – Who, What, Where, When?
- Committee Report: "Where Do We Want to be in Five Years?"
- Plan the 2019 website review and update
- Other current issues

On Saturday of their weekend at Ossining, they will attend the NE Regional Conference (see page 2). 

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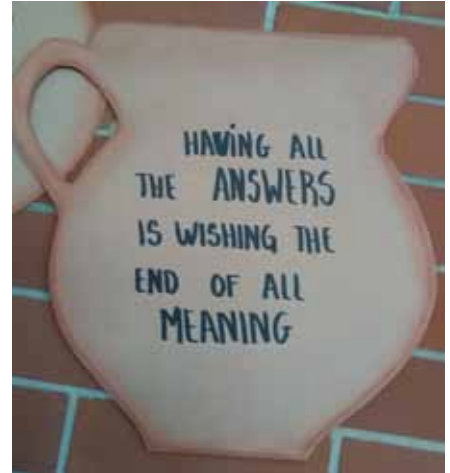
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