



Not So Far Afield

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COME AND SEE

SANTA ORLANDO – ALBANY, NY, CHAPTER

As an Affiliate, I have had numerous opportunities to spend time with Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and many other Affiliates. I have been to the Knoll for conferences, celebrations, and Institute classes and just to visit friends. What was missing in my Maryknoll exposure was contact with the Maryknoll Lay Missioners. I found myself asking, who are they, and what do they do? The desire to know led me to join 14 other travelers for a FAB (Friends Across the Border) trip to Bolivia. I met up with them at the Miami Airport, equipped with my carry-on luggage, a positive attitude, and the willingness to participate fully in the experience.

I began reflecting on this trip on the plane ride home. I found Bolivia to be a paradox. It is old, yet new. It is steeped in indigenous tradition, yet secular. It is a country that seems to be “in-between”—emerging, developing, and growing; attributes that I too possess as I try to discern my role in mission.

After spending time with the Lay Missioners, I am now able to answer my own questions. They walk with the people, providing unconditional love, affection, and respect for those most in need, mainly the children, the elderly, the imprisoned, and the disabled.

A large number of Bolivian children live in community in *hogars* (casas or houses). Reasons for placement

vary: extreme poverty, neglect, domestic violence, or lack of family. Lay Missioners offer their time and love, assisting in their care. The children learn that they matter, that they belong, that they are loved. They learn that continuing their education gives them opportunities for success.



Photos courtesy of Santa Orlando.

Our group visits with the Elderly and distribute basic necessities, Minh Nguyen’s ministry.

Lay Missioners offer unconditional love and respect for the abuelas (grandmas) of Cochabamba—women who have struggled and given of themselves all their lives and now find themselves old, tired, vulnerable, and lonely. Lay Missioners help them obtain the necessary documentation to receive a government stipend, provide them opportunities for companionship, and assure them that, in fact someone does care.



We visit Bill Velicky’s Neurological Wheelchair Workshop.

The imprisoned in Bolivia live in community and lead lives very different from prisoners in the US. Each person must find his/her own means of existence and hope; “cells” are bought or rented; meals and even transportation to court must be individually financed. There are no guards within the prison walls. Inmates maintain order in a loose form of democratic government. While the physical conditions are primitive, this system does not sever relationships and family ties. Wives, children, and others, including Lay Missioners, are allowed to come and go freely. Many family members actually

reside with the inmates. It is in stark contrast to the US practice of solitary confinement. Lay Missioner Joe Looney who obtained a Bolivian Law degree to better serve the people, provides legal advice; they are truly fortunate to have his assistance.

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THE WORLD NEEDS YOU!

Yes! The world needs Maryknoll Affiliates. Bob Short emphasized this at two Regional Affiliate Conferences this summer and now in this NSFA.

This issue also includes a tribute to Ann Carr by the Board and other Maryknollers for her many years of service as she leaves the Affiliate Board. Please post your special memory of Ann on the Maryknoll Affiliate Facebook page.

We've also been inspired by the Pope's US visit and his challenging environmental encyclical. Several Chapters, including Los Angeles, Seattle, Sacramento, and New Orleans, plan to study and reflect on *Laudato Si*. The USCCB's discussion guide and the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns' newsletter, *Encounters*, will assist the conversation. John Moritz's formation article on Prophetic Witness also provides reflection questions that could be used in an Affiliate gathering.

Please send news about your chapters and mission activities to NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org.



COMING SOON!

The annual request that you help cover our operating budget will arrive in your mailbox by December. Please be prayerful and generous in your response.

Not So Far Afield is a bimonthly publication of the Maryknoll Affiliates. The name is a play on the title of the original Maryknoll Magazine: *The Field Afar*.

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 rshort@maryknollaffiliates.org.

NEWS FROM THE MARYKNOLL AFFILIATE BOARD

At the October 2015 Board meeting, David Schaffner was selected to replace Ann Carr, the outgoing Chair, and will serve as Chair for the next year.

RUSSELL D CARLL—WE MISS HIM

Matt Rousso – New Orleans Chapter

The Affiliates of New Orleans mourned the death of one of our very well liked and respected New members in early October. Though he, along with his wife Angela, was an Affiliate for only three short years, he always chided Matt for not inviting him to join the Maryknoll Affiliates earlier.



Photo courtesy of Matt Rousso.

Besides being a good Affiliate, Russ was very active in many civic and church affairs. One of his friends described the Russ we knew: "He modeled what it was to be a Christian without pretension. He loved life; he loved people; he loved his family. 'Professor Past,' his clown name, was generous with his time and

loved not only to entertain but to visit with those in the nursing homes. Sometimes faced with difficult choices, love was always the deciding factor." We all miss him!



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THE WORLD NEEDS MARYKNOLL AFFILIATES

Bob Short – Executive Coordinator

Adapted from Bob Short's presentations at the 2015 Western and Midwest Regional Affiliate Conferences.

A phone conversation with Celine Woznica, the Chicago Central Chapter contact person, inspired this title. She and her husband Don are my friends from our days as Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Latin America. When asked if the Affiliate movement was beginning to wind down, she immediately replied, "No! It can't wind down; so much in the world needs people with our vision and commitment."

Join me in examining the impact of the Affiliate Movement from three perspectives: (1) the outer reality, (2) the inner reality, and (3) the Affiliate Pillars.

The Outer Reality

Looking at the darker side of western culture, it is easy to identify many destructive realities including war, income inequality, gun violence, unexamined American Exceptionalism, ecological breakdown, unchecked capitalism, and the commodification of everything. American journalist Eric Schlosser, author of *Fast Food Nation*, spoke of "a society moving away from compassion toward hierarchy, punishment, and inequality."

This outer reality is categorically different from the four pillars—Community, Spirituality, Global Vision, and Action—that inform and guide our Maryknoll Affiliate movement.

For real societal and personal change to happen, we must be truly conscious and grounded in a genuine spirituality that moves us towards transformation.

- For too many, the mediators of meaning in their lives are money and the media.

The Inner Reality

Many "inner realities" in people's lives contribute to and may account for much of the suffering in the outer world. Some examples are:

- Thoreau's insight that, "*The mass of men (sic) lead lives of quiet desperation.*"
- That some people move through their days as if they are unconscious, walking about half anesthetized and with little self-grounding.

- Otto Scharmer, *developer of U Theory*, pointed out that the three principle enemies of a more productive and caring world are:
 - the voice of doubt and judgment,
 - cynicism (shutting down an open mind), and
 - fear (shutting down an open heart).

- F i n a l l y , sometimes religion is warped to become a love affair with small and comfortable traditions in which the focus is otherworldly, on private salvation. For many, religion has become, as Brian McLaren phrased it, "*an evacuation plan for the next world,*"—and just for their group.



Redeeming the Inner Reality

Thankfully, many voices have spoken to us of an integrated and meaningful way to live that can lead us to profound social and personal change.

Franciscan **Richard Rohr** spoke of the stages of learning that move from simple *information* (data, facts and formulas) through *knowledge*, *analytical intelligence*, to *intuitive intelligence*, *understanding*, *wisdom*, and, ultimately to *transformation*, in which consciousness takes on a new form, as was the case with many saints. As we move toward deeper levels of knowing, we surely impact the world positively.

The Old Testament scholar **Walter Brueggemann** compared the progression in the Hebrew Scriptures to the stages of one's life: The *early books* (Numbers, Leviticus, Deuteronomy) emphasize rules, laws and rituals, and issues of control and ego development. Many people don't move beyond this stage. The *Prophetic literature* of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, etc., corresponds to the upstream people who fight for injustices. *Wisdom literature*—the Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Wisdom, and the Song of Songs—corresponds to movement towards transformation. Ego issues and dualistic thinking move to the side, and we see from a deeper place, living in a contemplative presence.

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A third voice is that of MIT professor **Otto Scharmer**. He takes a very broad, historic look at our world and points out that throughout history a gigantic blind spot has kept us from genuinely meaningful success. That blind spot is a lack of a grounded spirituality, which can be called consciousness.

These voices speaking to the inner reality are saying something very similar: for real societal and personal change to happen, we must be truly conscious and grounded in a genuine spirituality that moves us towards transformation. If we don't transform our pain, we will transmit it.

The four pillars that guide Affiliates confront those outer and inner realities head-on with meaningful and compassionate contrast.

Community contrasts with the individualism, greed, and “me-first” mantra, while also connecting to the earth—the home of all creatures, all life.

Spirituality contrasts with unconsciousness, disconnection, desperation, and hopelessness.

Global Vision, the prophetic pillar that often separates Maryknollers from other groups, contrasts with purely domestic agendas and unexamined American Exceptionalism. It is always inclined to listen for the muted voices of the poor and marginalized throughout the world.

contrasts with a comfortable life style that seldom does anything to address the needs around us. It joins with Walter Brueggemann to ask the wonderfully disturbing question: “Do you hear your sister crying?”

In the end, we can say, as did Sr. Simone Campbell of NETWORK and Nuns on the Bus, “...[what] I have come to realize is that, for me, this journey is about continuing to **walk willingly** towards the hope, the vision, the perspective, the opportunities that are given...”



CREATING A CONTEXT FOR MARYKNOLL'S WORK IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

David Stocker – NSFA Editorial Board

The free flow of global capital and the restriction of migrants desperate to escape violence is a paradox for today. It is impossible to understand the tragedy of poverty, corruption, and violence in Latin America without placing in context the systems of economic extraction and oppression that have gripped the region for five centuries. Knowing our own part in the history of empire, we can begin to discern critical connections, for example, between wildly gyrating global financial markets and millions of refugees in Europe; between the US War on Drugs and the disappearance of 43 students in Ayotzinapa, Mexico; between US rapprochement with Cuba and the immense US military build up in Colombia.

The world has witnessed the governments in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Venezuela moving in a populist direction, with a rise in social well-being. However, in Guatemala and Honduras, international corporations, rushing to plunder natural resources—aided by power elites—and the diversion of government revenues and international economic assistance, make for a new colonialism. Degeneration of the rule of law has led to abject poverty and violence. Most harshly affected are children. Cecilia Garces, co-editor of *No Tan Lejos del Horizonte*, notes:

In contrast to the other countries of the region, Guatemala shows the worst statistics of poverty: more than half the youth are outside of the formal education system, and one in every five children struggle to overcome chronic malnutrition.



Cross overlooking Lake Atitlan in Guatemala

Further, the neo-colonialism has been accompanied by a dramatic increase in forced disappearances and murders of journalists, labor organizers, student leaders, and community activists.¹ Continued on page 5.

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Protests by hundreds of thousands of Guatemalans this year forced the ouster of President Peres Molina for corruption.² But many wonder if Molina, who is a graduate of the US military School of the Americas (SOA), will ever stand trial for the atrocities he is accused of directing during the 36 years of civil war.³



For the people, the fight for justice never ended. In 1998, Catholic Bishop Juan Gerardi was assassinated days after he published *Nunca Mas*, a report detailing hundreds of atrocities.⁴ Fr. Gerardi's murder bears an eerie resemblance to that of Bishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador almost two decades earlier. Romero's killing (by SOA-trained assassins) and the murder-rape of four American churchwomen including two Maryknoll sisters captured worldwide attention and began an end to the decade of terror there.⁵

Yet, in Guatemala, without a process of truth and reconciliation like that of post-apartheid South Africa, commerce and government remained in the grip of many of the same individuals who had committed crimes against humanity. A dangerous legacy of impunity gave those in power confidence to repeat, to conceal, and to enlarge their crimes to this day.

Recently in Latin America, Pope Francis said, "I humbly ask forgiveness, not only for the offense of the church herself, but also for crimes committed against the native peoples during the so-called conquest of America."

The conquest is ongoing, but the words of Pope Francis offer a chance for reconciliation. Pathways forward are being offered not by those who say, "let the past be forgotten," but by those who call out, "nunca

mas (never again)." When we learn the his-stories and her-stories of our suffering brothers and sisters, we embrace them as part of our human family. The work done by the Maryknoll Sisters' Contemplative Community in Lemoa, Guatemala, becomes a part of who we are.⁶

***¡Nunca mas! ~
Never again!***

For those in the "developed world," responsibility means causing our governments to stop providing weapons and training to militaristic regimes abroad, uncoupling the corporate system of extraction of natural resources that depends on theft and exploitation, and giving what we can from our bounty. We can welcome refugees in our communities. We can work to create fair access to food, to economic and educational opportunities, and to medical and humanitarian resources.

In an age of rapid globalization and gaping wealth disparity, Pope Francis' message transcends religion, culture, and language, calling us to end the systems that cause disenfranchisement and despair. Borders and concrete walls cannot separate us from the realities of others. Loving one another is the answer.



¹ <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/node/29726>

² <http://www.maryknollogc.org/article/central-america-corruption-fuels-protests>

³ <http://soaw.org/about-the-soawhinsec/soawhinsec-grads/notorious-grads>

⁴ <http://www.ghrcc-usa.org/our-work/important-cases/assassination-of-bishop-gerardi/>

⁵ <http://www.nytimes.com/1998/04/03/world/4-salvadorans-say-they-killed-us-nuns-on-orders-of-military.html?pagewanted=all>

⁶ <http://www.maryknollogc.org/article/guatemala-violence-and-vision>



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**AN APPRECIATION OF
ANN CARR**

Ossining, New York – October 24, 2015

The October 2015 Board meeting completed Ann Carr’s final year as chair of the Maryknoll Affiliate Board. At a reception that weekend, Board members and many other Maryknoll missionaries expressed gratitude for her dedicated service.

Below are statements drawn from a collection of tributes to Ann that were presented to her that evening. If you would like to add your remembrances of Ann not only during her tenure as Board president, but from any time in her life as a missionary, please feel free to post them on our Maryknoll Affiliates Facebook page.

Ann’s dedication to the Affiliates has kept us going, on track, and growing. I can only imagine the amount of time she has spent in thorough, thoughtful and respectful emails, phone calls, and meetings, late into the night.—
Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss

Obvious also is her love for mission and the Maryknoll family, as her commitment to the Affiliates in conjunction with the other entities has demonstrated throughout the years.

—Jack Moynihan, MM

Ann to me really walks the walk. She is one of my heroines in the way she lives her Christian faith. She never proselytizes but just lives by example.
—Renate Schneider



Ellen McDonald, MM, co-founder of Maryknoll Affiliates, joins Ann at the “Thank You” party.

The greatest learning I had from Ann’s leadership was her consistent focus on what is best for the Affiliate movement as an independent and unique expression of the Maryknoll Charisma. —Pepe [Joe] Santos

With a gentle hand you have guided us furthering the Kingdom of God through the Maryknoll Affiliates movement. I have always admired the calm manner in which you have led meetings and been affirming to all present.—Ken Eppes



Ann met Cecilio on her 2014 medical mission to Honduras.



Ann and Ken Eppes connect at MAC 2011.

My heart is filled with gratitude and thanksgiving for all that you are and all that you have so freely given in proclaiming, witnessing, and celebrating your life and commitment to further the “Reign of God” as a Maryknoll Affiliate.—John Meyer

May you be blessed to be able to see the fruits of your service, as the Affiliates continue to grow and thrive! And may you be guided to new avenues of service, where you can continue to bless and be blessed.
—Mary Moritz

God bless you for your dedication and years of service on the Affiliate Board of Directors and as its Chair. Your commitment to the Affiliates and appreciation of its history are evident.—Margo Cambier

ANN CARR – A BEAUTIFUL STORY JUST PARTIALLY TOLD

Bob Short – Executive Coordinator

Sung to Simon & Garfunkel’s
April Come She Will

*You have been the core of the Affiliates for the entire time of my participation. You have given identity and direction to the movement. The future of Maryknoll will be a reflection of your Leadership.
—John Moritz*



Ann with Maryknoll Affiliates’ co-founder, Jim Madden, MM (now deceased)

Ann Carr please don’t go far
Maryknoll’s mission imprinted on your soul
We all agree
A beautiful story still just partially told

Good & faithful servant, you’ll never relent
Compassionate stillness fills your heart
We all can see
The Love that has held you from the start

Today we need to say
You’ve helped this Movement find its stride
Through it all you’ve stood tall
With your good friend Jim closely by your side
(Softly)
Time elusive time
The autumn leaves have begun to fall
In November, we’ll remember
And admire this woman living out her call.

Your commitment and love for the Affiliates is really second to none, and has been a great source of inspiration for me to be a better Board member. I thank you for this and for the many years you have served the Affiliates.—Rich Lessard

Come and See – Continued from page 1.

Bolivians are bringing their disabled and challenged persons out of the shadows and giving them a life with dignity. The Maryknoll Lay Missioners have partnered with the Bolivians involved in this grass-roots endeavor to change the lives of many disabled individuals. Lay Missioner Bill Velicky works alongside these craftsmen and women to design and build custom neurological wheelchairs. These are the first of their kind to be manufactured in Bolivia.

Just as in the entire Maryknoll family of priests, brothers, sisters, and Affiliates, individual Lay Missioners discern how, with their individual talents and interests, they can best serve in mission and use their abilities for the good of the global community.

This FAB trip was truly an immersion trip. We enjoyed traditional food as we ventured from the urban sprawl of Cochabamba to the more rural towns of Tarata, Cliza, and Punata, each with its own distinctive flavor. We were fortunate to be in Quillacollo for the feast of the Virgin of Urkupina, visiting her famous shrine before the hordes of pilgrims arrived for this most important celebration.



Calvario (the hill) in Quillacollo is a holy site where the Virgin Mary appeared to a shepherd girl; citizens journey here on pilgrimage prior to the parade.

We visited the Maryknoll Language Institute in Cochabamba, founded in 1965 to acculturate the many missioners who were extending their ministry throughout Latin America. We celebrated cultural night there, with its traditional food and drink, and were treated to an ice cream social that brought all the missioners in the area together. How wonderful it was to be present in a space that speaks volumes of mission, both past and present.

When I am asked, “How was your trip?” my answer is, “Different from any other I have taken.” When

asked, “What did you do?” my reply is, “We played with the children, giving them our attention. We met with the elderly, showing them they, too, were worthy of our visit. We celebrated the official opening of a specialized wheelchair factory, and we witnessed the beautiful festival of The Virgin of Urkupina.” But mostly



At the Maryknoll Center, we were entertained by a performance of Indigenous dancing.

we were present. We were there to visit and learn, and to BE with the missioners and people of Bolivia with a non-judgmental mind and an open heart.

Did I learn about the Maryknoll Lay Missioners? My

answer is: most definitely, yes. Together with other lay mission groups and laity, they walk with the people of Bolivia, offering themselves as a conduit for compassion, justice, and peace to those who are most in need. This is what they do in every country where they serve and in each ministry they choose.



In Quillacollo, the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Fiesta de la Virgen de Urkupiña) is celebrated with a parade.

Many thanks to the Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Bolivia—Joe Looney, Caitlin Reichelderfer, Eileen and Bill Velicky, Minh Nguyen—for giving us the opportunity to meet the people whom they serve. Additional thanks go out to Lay Missioner Director Sam Stanton for answering our many questions and for providing us with a wonderful experience.

Mission happens everywhere that one walks with empathy and compassion for those in need—at home or overseas. While technology is a big help in bridging the

communication gap between different countries and languages, there are times one must be physically present to experience God in the other. Perhaps a Friends Across the Border trip will be part of your journey, your chance to GO AND SEE.

For information about upcoming FAB trips, go to: <http://www.mkIm.org/take-a-trip/mission-immersion-trips/>. Santa Orlando's unabridged article may be read at: <http://www.friendsacrossborders.org/newsroom/come-and-see-in-bolivia/>.

WHEN NEW ORLEANS AFFILIATES MEET...

A Chapter Profile

Affiliates of the New Orleans/Gulf South Chapter eagerly shared what being an Affiliate means to them and how they maintain an active chapter.

New Orleans Affiliates say:

- There’s a spiritual energy in this group.
- For me the Affiliates can be summed up by Peace through Christ. We’re all in this together. We need to be active pursuing that peace.
- Maryknoll for me is a faith community that crosses borders, locally and globally.
- Maryknoll nurtures my faith; I learn about and work for social justice in other parts of the world.
- I like to hear about the missions, what’s happening, how we can help.
- We are all on a faith journey.
- I may not be able to go on the immersions but hearing about the missions of others helps me be in solidarity, to have the Maryknoll Affiliate global vision.
- Affiliates are a family. We need to be a family to everyone.

Immersion Trips

The immersion groups that Matt Rousso leads to Central America have helped educate many of the members.

- We share stories from the immersions.
- On our immersion trips, Matt emphasized, “What are you going to do with what you learned and are feeling?”
- We learned the preferential option for the poor, to give and do what we can.
- I give retreats and work with homeless women. Going on an immersion trip and *being with* the people in Guatemala has helped me *be with* the people here.

Chapter Activities:

New Orleans Affiliates don’t typically have a chapter project, but have recently begun to help at a free meal organized by Catholic Workers(see other article?). The chapter members are all active in their own way,

Matt Rousso asks, “What are you going to do with what you learned and are feeling?”



with their individual missions: teaching college courses that relate to justice and other cultures, working with the homeless or immigrants, serving as campus minister at a high school, etc.

The chapter has organized a grade school essay contest similar to that in the Maryknoll magazine; it garnered over 200 participants. “It’s a lot of work, but it’s great to hear what the young people say.”

They ran (Maryknoll’s part of) the Gulf South Catechetical Conference, and gave out lots of Maryknoll information at the national La Raza conference held a few years ago in New Orleans.

“We distribute the *Maryknoll* magazine at our parishes.” “We’ve done an offering of letters at a meeting.”

The Chapter’s recipe for success:

The members emphasized having regular meetings, the second Sunday of the month, that start and end on time and include spirituality, food, and their chapter business: “We share what we’re doing but don’t spend a lot of time socializing.” “We always have a fall reunion/planning meeting at a member’s home, and an Advent retreat. “



Affiliates (l to r): Matt Rousso, returned Maryknoll Lay Missioners Elizabeth & Michael Thaibinh, and their daughter Katrina.

The group includes five former Lay Missioners and a priest. “Having the mission office here really helps.” This dynamic group attributes much of its success to Matt Rousso, director of the Maryknoll Mission Education office in New Orleans, and his wife Janet. Matt is the contact person and frequently plans

the program. Most meetings are held at the Rousso home, the same location as the mission office.

“The Affiliates are our local Maryknoll family.”



NEW NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL COORDINATORS

We are pleased to introduce our new Northwestern Region Co-ordinators, both from the Seattle Chapter. They may be new to you, not having attended many conferences, but their resumes are impressive, filled with the quiet work of dedicated Affiliates.

Ralph Maughan – As an active Maryknoll Affiliate since 1996, Ralph Maughan has volunteered locally and globally. Br. Tim Raible learned that Ralph could be relied on to “table” for Maryknoll at various conferences and gatherings and called on him repeatedly. The Food Bank and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center also appreciate his ongoing volunteer work.

Abroad, Ralph spent weeks or months serving in Nicaragua and Asia, sometimes with his wife, Kate. Teaching English with Br. John Beeching in Thailand led to many projects in Burma (Myanmar). In Burma and East Timor, several sites benefited greatly from his solar lighting and water pumping and filtering projects. Besides covering his own travel expenses, as all Affiliates do, Ralph also paid for about 90 percent of the materials he used.

Janet Quilian – As a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in Honduras, she began a Community Health Worker program and implemented a local health clinic with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. When Janet moved to Seattle in 1995, she was instrumental in beginning the Seattle Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter.

A retired Seattle University faculty member, Janet is very proud to have developed the International Development Internship Program (IDIP), which introduces undergraduate students to global development/social justice issues through service as interns with local and national non-government organizations (NGOs) in developing countries. Janet also consulted on public health issues with NGOs in Botswana, The Gambia, Burma, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Recently, Janet volunteered in Africa with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) for “Jesuit Higher Education at the Margin,” where refugees can enroll in academic courses and receive either credits or certificates upon completion. Janet wrote a Community Health Provider course that is being taught for the second time in Malawi at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp; the accompanying manual is also being used by health workers in Northern Burma.

Janet and Ralph make a great RC team.



HUNTHAUSEN'S STRUGGLES

Al Drinkwine – Seattle Chapter

A review of: ***A Still and Quiet Conscience***, by John A. McCoy, Orbis Books

If you seek factual insight into how papal policy, teamed with political power, can instill fear as it controls the populace, then John A. McCoy's book, *A Still and Quiet Conscience—The Archbishop Who Challenged a Pope, a President, and a Church*, should be at the top of your Must Read list.

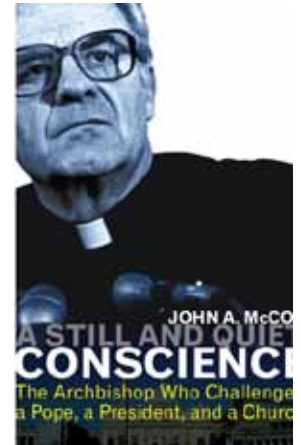
“In the early 1980s, with Pope Paul II consolidating ecclesiastical authority in Rome and US President Ronald Reagan attempting to achieve global supremacy in nuclear arms, Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen was on the firing line. His nuclear pacifism, heightened by the civil disobedience of his tax protest, was imperiling the pope's anticommunist alliance with Reagan” (page 205). Combining that with the Archbishop's anti-discrimination stance on equality for gays, women, married former priests, as well as his views on birth control and abortion, the papal hierarchy spent unacceptable time and finances investigating one of the Catholic Church's truly committed shepherds, humiliating him and depriving him of both personal dignity and pastoral authority. McCoy explains how preferring to believe information provided by radical groups, papal designees slowly began to crucify an archbishop with true moral principles, as Hunthausen attempted to implement the changes of Vatican II, which the Archbishop had assisted in creating.

The papal and political intent was to silence Archbishop Hunthausen *and* send a strong message to all priests and church leaders who might follow the Archbishop's lead. McCoy stated that Hunthausen was being offered up “as the sacrificial lamb.” This book reveals that Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen was simply providing opportunities for all to “Love One Another.” Is this not the humble calling of a shepherd?

Reviewing this book was a blessing for me, because while I was inside the Trident nuclear base sorting out life's realities, Jim and Shelly Douglass, Archbishop Hunthausen, and many others were protesting and peace-making outside.



Note: See also this recent review: <http://americamagazine.org/issue/culture/activist-chancery>.



WHOSE PROPHET AM I?

John Moritz – Southeast Regional Coordinator,
Northeast Florida Chapter

In this series of articles on Formation, we are intentionally not looking at the five themes in the order listed in the website: Affiliate Identity, Mission, Spirituality of Mission, Community, and Prophetic Witness. These themes are not linear or sequential; they are all relational with the other themes and build on each other. In upcoming articles, we will look at how the themes of Community and Mission contribute to our identity as Maryknoll Affiliates. Today, we look at the Formation theme of Prophetic Witness.

We are all prophets, every day. By where we live, what kind of car we drive, everything we do, we proclaim what we hold dear to us. As with all five Formation themes, Prophetic Witness is not so much about knowing things but is a process of discernment. We all make choices about how we live, and that speaks volumes about who we are. Both individually and communally, what we announce and denounce in word and action is what identifies us to the world around us.

We witness to the Maryknoll charism by living the Affiliates’ Four Pillars. Previously, we saw our witness of Spirituality in the Three A’s of Maryknoll Spirituality. The decision to be affable, available, and adaptable identifies us to those around us.



As St. Francis is credited with saying, “Preach the gospel, and, if necessary, use words.” Sometimes it is necessary and appropriate to use words. Our proclamation of good news is words of love and compassion. As Papa Francisco said it, “If

you can’t do that, go get a desk job!” Period. That is not a putdown of anyone with a desk job. Rather, it is a colloquial way of saying: When you interact with people, be loving!

In the olden days, Jesuit teachers of logic used to say that if A is not B, then, by definition, choosing A is not choosing B. So our life choices include what we do not choose. Our life choices witness an alternative to the lifestyle choices of an egocentric, consumer-centered, elitist society.

When we say no to that which contradicts the Gospel, when we denounce the things that separate and

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alienate people, we witness to the Light. Speaking truth to power is the witness of the prophet. The challenge to me is to be sure that speaking truth to power does not exclude what was previously said about speaking with love and compassion. Can I be compassionate toward those who are abusers of others?

So, the theme of Prophetic Witness provides the opportunity to reflect on my life choices and the ways in which I, and my community, speak to those around us. Is what I say by my life consistent with what I say I believe?

Reflection Questions. These can be used for individual reflection or group discussion.

- What is one way that I have chosen to witness to the Gospel in my lifestyle?
- When am I willing to speak—to proclaim what I believe?
- Where can I be an “alternative” to an existing injustice in my community?
- Who “speaks truth to power” in my life?



SURVEY—A RICH HARVEST

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With 81 respondents, the Maryknoll Affiliate Board survey completed in August reaped 65 pages of rich data. A short summary will be on the website and in the NSFA in the coming months. Responses to the survey will guide the Board’s future actions in many areas, from development of a new brochure to expanding opportunities for mission experiences. From just one question—visioning, the Board has listed concerns/ideas and created committees to take action in the areas of communication, collaboration, and growth.



Pope Francis, asking us to pray with him, has suggested these special intentions:

November: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

December: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

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Maryknoll Affiliates thank Ann Carr as she completes over six years as chair of our Board (pages 6-7).

