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AFFILIATES ON MISSION TO THE BORDER OF UKRAINE

Jan Alberti – NE Ohio Chapter

Simple comforts. Small gestures. What else can we offer this river of people flowing out of their homeland, leaving lives with no certainty of any future? When the Northeast Ohio Affiliates first broached the idea of going to Poland to assist with the Ukrainian refugee crisis, the thought seemed outlandish. Language barriers, traveling in a foreign city, a country in crisis due to an influx of thousands of refugees—for many reasons this wasn't going to work. "Is that a possibility?" Texts flew back and forth. "IDK. Let's find out." Affiliate Pam Cibik was the first to text, "Let's Go!!" With the support of our Affiliates, we pulled together a trip in two months for eleven people to travel to Warsaw and the Hebronne crossing.

We landed in Warsaw on May 3rd and toured a center that afternoon. Global Expo Centrum Targowo Kongresowe, an exhibition center, is offering safe refuge for three thousand Ukrainians. This is only one of several locations in the city primarily staffed by volunteers. None of us were prepared for our first exposure to the real human crisis taking place in Warsaw. The sight is difficult to describe, difficult to take in. Large exhibition rooms, one after another after another, were filled with rows and rows of cots. Women, children, the elderly, babies and toddlers, and some men find refuge in a space with no privacy, no windows, and only a cot to call one's own.

The Center does an outstanding job dealing with the demands of large numbers of people who have very little resources and need material goods as well as emotional support. One could see grandmothers, mothers, and children everywhere— three generations that left their men fighting in Ukraine. Karolina Piskorz, a volunteer who has dedicated all her time to the Center over the past few months, told stories that touched all of us. A mother and son had just left their city under bombardment, and soon after their arrival, a fire alarm in the Center was



Shopping for needs at the center (l-r): Pam Cibik, Ken Palisin, Lita Sharone, Jan Alberti (in rear)

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THEN THE LAUNDRY

Dreaming together, Maryknollers gathered in Synod in May and June. Sr. Len Montiel opened a session with a moving video, "[I Dream a New World](#)." Affiliate Executive Director Bob Short with Affiliate Ann Carr now remind us that "After the ecstasy," of our Maryknoll Synod dreams comes "the laundry."

In our cover article, Affiliates from NE Ohio dream of a new world when they use their Maryknoll Affiliate Mission Grant to offer simple comforts and small gestures to Ukrainian refugees in Poland. They even purchased two dryers for one refugee house of 25 people. Jan Alberti wrote, "The small comforts—a cup of coffee, a gesture of welcome, and a nod of acknowledgment—to offset acknowledging that tragedy is still happening ..."

Working with one family at a time, Kathy Gribble also provides comfort in the US. She has offered a place to live in her house to immigrants from Central America who came with their dreams of a new world. In all of these endeavors, and working at the US Border in El Paso, Maryknollers collaborate and show us that we need to work together as we dream, and as we do the laundry.



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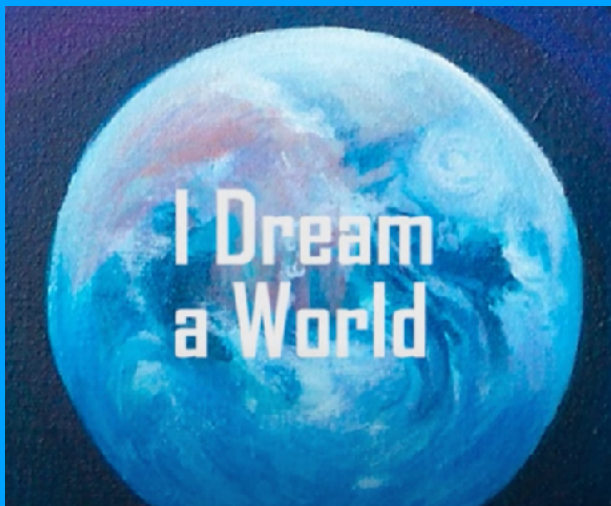
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The CO12's All-Maryknoll event began with the video, "I Dream a World." (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3l_CUfn3cU)

AFTER THE ECSTASY THE LAUNDRY

Bob Short –

Maryknoll Affiliates Executive Coordinator

Her interjection was perfect for the moment. The Committee of Twelve (CO12) had gathered to determine the next steps after the May 21st event in which over 125 Maryknollers from all four expressions participated. A subcommittee from the CO12 had synthesized the collected input from the breakout groups. The synthesis revealed a thoughtful, rich, expansive, and hopeful underlying vision about a new way of being Church and a common vision for Maryknoll (available soon).

All of us on the CO12 were in elevated spirits. There was something vital, encouraging and anticipatory in the synthesis of responses. It was at that moment that Ann Carr, Affiliate and contemplative woman that she is, proffered this consideration: "*After the ecstasy the laundry.*"

That consideration is also the title of a book by Jack Kornfield, a clinical psychologist who trained for years as a Buddhist monk in Thailand and Burma (now Myanmar). Even moderately awakened people know about the laundry. We can have moments of profound spiritual enlightenment (ecstasy) but taxes, credit card bills, and house cleaning don't go away. Neither do our occasional petty reactions, uninvited cravings (that extra piece of cake or third glass of wine), nor ego-protecting reactions go away, at least not initially. Still, we remember the ecstasy.

Ann's reference to Kornfield's quote prompted me get the book—surprisingly available in my small-

town library. In the early pages, Kornfield relates the Russian initiation tale of Baba Yaga, an old woman with a hag-like appearance living deep in the forest, who stirs her cooking pot and knows all things. The tale is about the honesty that the spiritual journey requires of us. As Kornfield relates, we are frightened to seek her out because she requires that we step into the dark, ask perilous questions, and move outside the world of logic and comfort.

Three terrified seekers come to the door of Baba Yaga's hut in the deep forest. To each, Baba Yaga asks, "**Are you on your own errand or are you sent by another?**" The first seeker, a young man encouraged in his quest by his family, answers, "I am sent by my father." Baba Yaga promptly throws him into the pot and cooks him. The second is a young woman who, in response to Baba Yaga's question about coming on your own volition or being sent by another, responds, "I am on my own errand". Baba Yaga throws her in the pot and cooks her too. I'm guessing you're getting the impression that Baba Yaga is not going to be invited to have her own TV cooking show.



Finally, the third seeker, another young woman, deeply confused by the world, approaches the hut with trepidation. To Baba Yaga's dreaded questions, she answers truthfully, "In large part I'm on my own errand, but in large part, I also come because of others. And in large part I've come because you are here, and because of the forest, and something I have forgotten, and in large part I know not why I come." Baba Yaga regards her for a moment and says, "You'll do" and allows her into the hut.

I think just about all of us reading this tale know that there is something more, a deeper yearning that pulls us out of our protective spaces and creature comforts into the forest in search of love, of Love.



HOLY HAPPENINGS – HOSTING IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Kathleen Gribble –
Fox Cities, WI Chapter



I call the experiences of hosting families in my basement apartment for the past year “holy” because it was not something I planned or expected, yet it brought me joy and connections in the community I never imagined. I guess my Affiliate global mission context, and stories I have heard about refugees and their needs, has made it seem normal to accept these challenges and be grateful for the opportunity to help out.

Since I am part of the interfaith organization of the Gamaliel Foundation in Appleton, Fox Cities, Wisconsin, and they knew I had housed people before with temporary housing needs, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Immigration Committee contacted me to help a family from Guatemala reconnect with their now 16-year-old daughter (let’s call her Lupe) that had been taken from them at the border of Mexico when she was 12 years old. In the meantime, the family had grown to include twin three-year-old girls. Lupe had learned English well and attended a high school in a nearby town, but her parents only spoke Spanish. I learned to communicate with smiles and gestures. They were so grateful for this space to connect. Soon they were blessed that an apartment was made available by World Relief near where Lupe went to school.

This was just the beginning. I was then asked to help a young woman and her two-year-old boy begin a path to independence and family responsibility, a nine-month project. Mayra and her son Henry had lived in several places since she crossed the border eight months pregnant over two years ago. She then was placed in the Fox Cities at the same home that hosted Lupe, the teen who now lived with her family in a

neighboring town. The Fox Cities family host had helped Mayra with a program to learn English but decided she should begin a journey to independence with her son, and I was asked to take them.

The UU Fellowship did an amazing job of reordering my basement space to accommodate a lively two-year-old, hiding much of my good furnishings and bringing in lots of riding things, toys and books for Henry, as well as an abundance of clothes for them. So much stuff was brought that much of my garage was also used for the overflow, which continued to grow! I learned a lot of cultural differences over the months with them and was surprised at some ways children are free to behave. Mayra maintained a close relationship with Lupe, who sometimes stayed here for weekends. It was very noisy with loud music, talking on the phone, and from her boy’s screaming when he did not get his way.

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Life throughout that winter was never boring! Mayra got a part-time morning job at the Early Learning Center in Appleton, began classes for her GED, and prepared for a Wisconsin driver’s license. She was bright and determined; she finished her GED and got a driver’s license just before departure for Texas in April.

I was so grateful for my relationship with all the regular helpers she had from the UU Fellowship and the members of the Pentecostal church she had joined, who picked her up on Sunday afternoons. Connecting with these people, who seemed somehow impressed by my willingness to have these refugees from Guatemala in my home, was a real gift. I experienced wonder at their generous actions and loving care for the broken ones of the world. They witnessed Mayra’s being made whole and having amazing opportunities. I know the joy and gratefulness we found together comes from my connection with the spirit of Maryknoll. I was often able to say, “I am a Maryknoll Affiliate—we’re a Catholic global mission organization!”





SPEAKING OF YOUTH

Hugh Menton – Greater Los Angeles Chapter

Our Maryknoll family is aging. We have discussed this for several years, often with a related discussion—how to reach younger people. Efforts have been made, but with limited success.

A recent parish experience, helping to facilitate a Synodal listening session, brought me into a space with young people, particularly 14 to 17-year-olds. About half of our parish participants in the Synodal listening session were in this age group, and many of them, like my oldest granddaughter, were confirmed a few weeks later. So, what did our youth say around the various topics of our parish listening session? Their responses to the Synodal questions included these comments:

Speaking and Listening

- The Church has ignored the LGBTQ community and doesn't accept gay people for who they are. The gay community does not feel as welcome because they can't be married in the church.
- Women have been excluded especially with leadership roles in the Mass. Can't there be women priests?
- The Church has ignored and excluded people who are divorced who are not able to receive Communion.
- The Church has excluded people from other religions.
- We have excluded people of color through racism.
- We exclude and ignore people who don't believe everything the Church teaches.
- We judge people when they are working out their faith and what we believe.

- A few of our young people stated that we have ignored our own Catholic school teachers, and we need to support them financially so that their salaries can compete with public school teacher salaries.

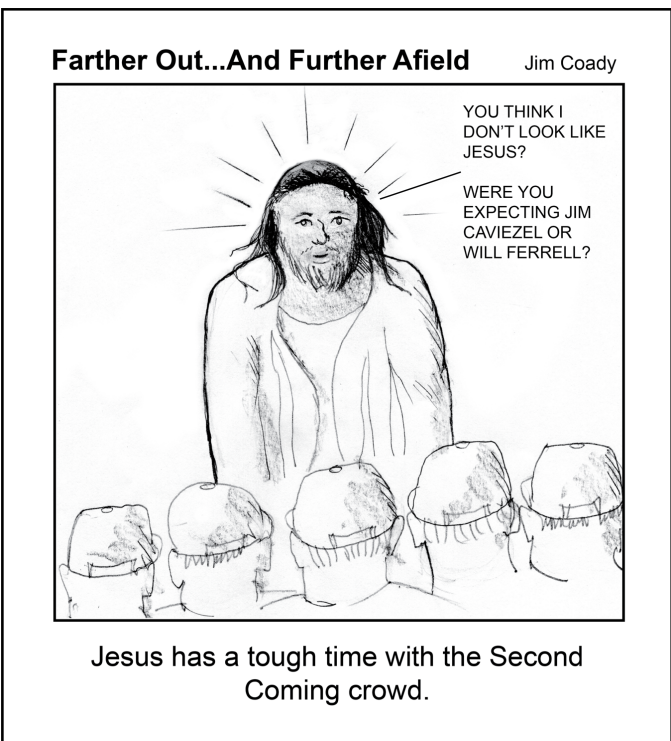
Celebrating

- The Mass is too long.
- We should have more time of silence for reflection.
- We would like homilies that are short and tightly focused, with very specific points and ties to popular culture.
- If we were more connected to the Mass, we would better understand the message and be able to apply it to our lives, and appreciate our friends and family more.

Going on Mission

- Having mandatory service hours is a good thing in our schools and in Confirmation, because it makes us give of our time, and we always feel good for helping someone out.
- Although sometimes we felt uncomfortable doing service, that was when we had the opportunity to grow.

Have your Affiliate Chapter members heard the voices of youth? To what actions are the youth calling the Church and Maryknoll? How will your Chapter or community respond?



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accidentally set off, causing an evacuation of all the visitors. The son refused to leave despite encouragement from the staff. "What's the point?," he asked. Helplessness and hopelessness are states of mind that are hard to battle. Karolina had spent that morning with a woman who had been receiving a daily text from her brother at the front. Then the texts had stopped; for three weeks, nothing from her brother. What does one do? Grieve? Keep hoping? What is more painful? The effects of trauma can be hidden for a time, but not forever.



Baby food purchased with Maryknoll Affiliates Mission Grant

store, we spent many hours purchasing the multitude of items that were needed: adult and children's clothing, flip flops, deodorant, backpacks, baby food, and sleeping bags. We were allowed carts to walk the items back to the Center and see that they got sorted and distributed. We also began the process of purchasing water heaters and getting them installed. Showers in large shipping containers are available, but hot water runs out quickly. Once the instant water heaters are installed, people will no longer have to wait hours for a shower.

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Curt Alberti, Terry Kotalik, and Rick Kummerer construct basketball hoop for teens at Center.

We were able to assist in several ways and our service was greatly appreciated. Among the many donations Pam Cibik had received were "fidget blankets." These were distributed to the babies in the Center. A childcare room allowed us to facilitate play with a small group of boys. Through the use of play and army figures, the boys were able to play out their experiences in war and their feelings about what is happening to their country. One boy stated, "Russia will have a Ukraine without mothers and children." A country without children is no place for anyone.

Many in our group helped organize materials on hand, a challenge all its own that needs constant attention at such a center. We also purchased many items and delivered these ourselves. Maryknoll Affiliates had granted us \$500 to spend on baby food and baby formula. At a nearby box



Ken Palisin and Lita Sharone pack kindness bags.

At Ptak Warsaw Expo, another center outside the city, we spent a day sorting through donations and creating 1,400 “kindness bags” that will be handed out to those who are leaving for their next destination. It felt great to be able to do something so concrete.



Packing kindness bags at center (l-r): Rick Kummerer, Lita Sharone, Ken Palisin, Terry Kotalik, Curt Alberti, Amy Shaper, Jan Schuler

Karolina allowed us to visit The Mothers' House, a home for mothers with babies and young children, located on the outskirts of Warsaw. On the day we arrived, several children were in quarantine because of “spots” on their skin. Our first thought was chicken pox! Later we learned that the doctor cleared them and diagnosed the condition as stress-related. He reported having seen many cases of stress induced rashes, explaining that the body tries to expel stress this way. Trauma impacts, again. The home contained fifteen children at the time of our visit. We were able to purchase two dryers; they had been washing for twenty-plus people daily with no dryers!



Pam introduces mom and baby to a fidget blanket at the Global Center

Our group continued on to the Hebronne Crossing where Polish Humanitarian Action was stationed to receive refugees directly from Poland. We were housed and fed by this NGO while we assisted in welcoming the families as they entered Poland. This was intensely emotional—seeing bus after bus with families fleeing Ukraine, many leaving their country for the first time. The reality of the experience could be seen in their eyes, on the verge of tears. So many stories: I spent some time convincing a Mariupol woman that America was very angry and upset about what was happening to her country. She was tearful in her response, “I only wish I could tell my parents this.”



Pam and Jan assist girl with her temporary tattoo at a Picnic in the Parking Lot

She had left them hiding in Mariupol. One bus from Mariupol came through with sixty-six orphans. It hurts to know that these sixty-six children, orphaned before the war, will again lose their ‘family’ as they are placed with foster families in Italy. Another woman, clearly still in distress, held up her phone to play the recording of the sirens and the bombs that she fled from that very morning.

The small comforts—a cup of coffee, a gesture of welcome, and a nod of acknowledgment—to offset acknowledging that tragedy is still happening as homes are fled, accepting that nothing is certain from this moment forward.

Participants



Affiliates—Northeast Ohio Chapter: Pam Cibik, Curt Alberti, and Jan Alberti; Cincinnati Chapter: Ken Palisin and Lita Sharone

Others: Diana Byrum, Linda Thress, Jan Schuler, Rick Kummerer, Amy Shaper, and Terry Kotalik

COLLABORATION AT THE BORDER

Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss – Portland Chapter

While working this April at the Casa del Refugiado (CDR), one of the Annunciation House’s migrant refuges, we were impressed by the collaboration we saw in El Paso. Rueben Garcia, who founded Annunciation House about 40 years ago, oriented us at the beginning of our term of service.

“Collaboration is the way we stay alive.”

– Susan Gunn, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

The Annunciation House has survived for all those years because of collaboration with many organizations. Rueben talked about going to various towns and cities in the Southwest, even as far as Denver, to build a network of organizations who provide services to migrants. When the numbers of migrants released by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) become too great for the El Paso refuges to handle, some are sent by bus to other locations to connect with their sponsors across the US.

The value of collaboration between various groups was also evident at CDR. Volunteers to CDR come from across the US. When we worked

at CDR, we met lay volunteers from Albuquerque, Seattle, Pennsylvania, New York, and Kansas. Especially since the Leadership Conference of Women Religious called for women religious to assist with the crisis at the Border a few years ago, many nuns have been serving at various refuges in El Paso. Besides several Maryknoll Sisters, we met a member of the Sisters of Loretto and a Franciscan at CDR.

Many churches besides Catholic churches in El Paso provide resources and volunteers to CDR. Volunteers frequently drop off donations of clothing, toys, diapers, etc. The Salvation Army prepares and delivers to CDR most of the fresh-cooked food for three meals a day and provides plates, utensils, and drinks. The El Paso Food Bank provides milk and other items. I saw peanut butter provided by the Mormons. Barbara, who shepherds the donated clothing distribution at CDR, attends a local evangelical church.

Two Marist brothers in El Paso are now collaborating with the Maryknoll Lay Missioners by providing several of them housing and a like-minded community.

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Sr. Janet Hockman, MM, and Coralís Salvador, MKLM



Symbol of the Marists, which graces the chapel altar cloth at Marist-Maryknoll House



Brother Lalo showed us the Spanish prayer book used each morning in their backyard chapel.



Sr. Janet Miller, MM, and Sr. Deirdre Griffin, SSJ

Sr. Dierdre Griffin, SSJ, who lives at the Marist-Maryknoll House, is collaborating by serving with the Maryknoll Lay Missioners. She participates in the El Paso Maryknoll community and does legal work at Las Americas in El Paso, another collaboration. Her order, The Sisters of St. Joseph, is also exploring ministry at the Border.

Brother Eduardo Navarro De La Torre (Lalo) , who also serves at CDR, told us that the Marist order

researched various locations in Mexico and the US Border when deciding where they might serve the most vulnerable. They chose El Paso because the needs certainly were there, and because they saw that so many institutions in El Paso were collaborating. And the El Pasoans welcomed them.



Brother Lalo points out the Holy Child, a refugee in Egypt, painted in an alcove of the Marist-Maryknoll House.



At CDR, volunteers Mary and Manny Hotchkiss addressed mountains of daily laundry from over 100 guests.

Other Maryknoll Lay Missioners in El Paso, Debbie Northern and Coralís Salvador, collaborate with Todd Patenaude, a Marist Brother, on Encuentro, a border immersion/ education program for high school or college students and for adults. Encuentro was started by a Jesuit, Father Rafael Garcia, and the Marist Brothers. Debbie also assists with finding volunteers for the Jesuit JRS/USA Migrant Accompaniment Network which encourages groups and individuals in communities across the US to accompany migrants in their area. <http://www.jrsusa.org/jrs-usa-migrant-accompaniment-network/>

When we were at CDR, Manny and I appreciated the breadth of the community that serves the migrants. We encourage more Affiliates to collaborate in El Paso by volunteering or by providing needed items. See their web site for more information: <https://annunciationhouse.org/>.



FAREWELLING MARY AND BRYAN WILLIAMS

Mary Moritz – NE Florida Chapter

Mary Morris Williams has been a mainstay of our Northeast Florida Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter. Mary discovered us when she attended the chapter retreat that ended our formation period. We had opened our retreat to other interested persons and she responded to the invitation.

It wasn't long before Mary became our Chapter Coordinator, a role she embraced for several years with great enthusiasm. Mary is currently serving as the Southeast Regional Coordinator. In that role, she works hard to help us stay connected to the wider Affiliate family.

However, some months ago, she and her husband, Bryan, decided to move to Greenville, South Carolina, to be closer to their son. They have sold their home and will relocate in July.

Even though we had been meeting by zoom due to COVID concerns, our chapter decided that our June meeting should be an in-person gathering to farewell Mary and Bryan. We could hug better that way! We met at the home of Mary and John Moritz for a pot luck lunch.

It was great to catch up with each other. Over lunch, each person shared about their current ministries. On a more sober note, Mary and Bryan shared new information about Mary's recently diagnosed oral cancer in her gums. Mary said her surgery would be on June 16. We all promised that



Attendees (L-R): Shelby Miller, Jean Fields, Melissa Kellogg, Mary Williams, Bryan Williams, Mary Moritz, John Moritz, photographer.

we would be praying for Mary and Bryan as they faced this new health challenge, at the same time as they are about to make a big move.

Mary assured us that she will continue to try and join our Affiliate meetings by zoom. She also will remain the Southeast Regional Coordinator and will keep reaching out to our Chapter to help connect us to the wider Maryknoll community.

Please join us in praying for a successful resolution to Mary's cancer, and for a smooth transition for Mary and Bryan as they make their move to Greenville. Who knows? Maybe we will soon hear about a new Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter in Greenville!



PERUVIAN SISTER BEATIFIED

Carlos Apcho – Lima Peru Chapter

The Beatification of María Agustina Rivas López, of the order of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, on May 7, 2022, represents a great joy for the Church of Peru. She was affectionately called Sister Aguchita by the indigenous people of the Peruvian Amazon where she carried out her mission. At the same time, her name reminds us of the hardest moments that the Peruvian population experienced when many laity and priests were also killed by the Shining Path, a terrorist group that wanted to take power in our country through armed struggle.

Shining Path considered the Church its particular enemy, a hindrance to its interests, and tried to make it disappear from even the most distant and poorest places, where the state did not reach.



The murder of Sister Aguchita has no explanation; she was not a leader among the sisters of her religious congregation, nor did she organize the population for some social activity. Perhaps she was targeted because she was the one who spoke the least, and for that reason was very loved by the population of the jungle community. Her murder was simply out of hatred, hatred of the faith that she represents by being the most silent, the humblest person she could be.

I think that Pope Francis, beatifying Sister Aguchita, wanted to send a message to the Peruvian Church, but also to the universal Church, that we can live the gospel life even in the midst of difficult situations.

May the example of Sister Aguchita inspire us to live simply and always remain among the poorest and most needy, even knowing that we might risk our lives.



News from the Board

To keep Affiliates connected with the Maryknoll Affiliates Board, its members provide NSFA with introductory profiles and/or share their views on current issues.

GREETINGS FROM SR. JANET SREBALUS, MM



Hi, everybody! And for those who know me, I am happy to be back again, connecting with all of you. This is my 60th Year as a Maryknoll Sister and it's like a special Jubilee gift being invited to join the Affiliate Board. Though I am still connected through the Tanzanian Affiliate Chapter pictured here, I feel I'll get to know more of you participating in this way on the Affiliate Board.



Tanzania Chapter of Maryknoll Affiliates

In the year 2000, I Joined the Maryknoll Affiliate Coordinating Team, first working with Fr. Jack Moynahan and Fred Goddard and then with Fr. Jack Sullivan and Fred. It was one of the great joys of my Maryknoll Mission life meeting so many of you as I traveled the country, visiting chapters, attending regional and national conferences, visiting with you, sharing with you, praying with you, doing mission together. I will always remember how a group of us pitched in and did clean up in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

In 2007, a new era began with Affiliate Regional Coordinators, and I returned to Tanzania, where I had been in mission since 1966, first as a secondary school teacher, then branching out to various pastoral ministries such as youth work women's development, and Small Christian Communities. After getting my Master's degree in Psychology and Pastoral Counseling to prepare me for Congregational Formation work, I was a Supervisor for CPE, (Clinical Pastoral Education), a psychology lecturer at Jordan University, and now a Spiritual Accompanier and Facilitator for Tanzanian Sisters' ongoing education, especially in psychology and spirituality.



Sr. Janet in Seattle, 2015

Some of you may remember, I was able to attend the 2015 Regional Conference in Seattle, thanks to Kitty and Roger Shiltz. Now, "thanks" to Covid 19, I hope to meet more of you on ZOOM and, hopefully, eventually in person! For now, May to mid-August I am in the United States on Renewal and then will be returning to Tanzania. Through the years, I regret I have lost touch with so many, but am eager to resume contact. I can be reached on Facetime, Messenger, and WhatsApp. My e-mail is: jansrebalus@gmail.com and WhatsApp: +255 763 584 144.

For anyone who wants to visit Tanzania, I live in Mwanza, three blocks from Lake Victoria. Karibuni! (Welcome!)



HOLD THE DATE!

Greater Los Angeles Affiliate Chapter invites all Maryknollers to gather during

LA Religious Education Congress
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, CA
Feb. 25-26, 2023

Simple meals (provided):
Saturday lunch ~ 11:45am - 1pm
Dinner ~ Saturday or Sunday
More details to follow!



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Programs are offered only by Zoom.

- July 7 & 8 ***Theogenesis: God's Becoming in Evolution***
– Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, PhD
- July 10-15 ***Women at the Well: Agents of Change***
– Maureen O'Connell, PhD
- July 17-22 ***Images of God in Teilhard and Merton***
– Sr. Kathleen Dufy, SSJ, PhD
- July 24-29 ***Vulnerability is a Mark of Existence: Film's Testimony to Truth and Hope***
– Rev. Larry Lewis, MM, PhD

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