



Not So Far Afield

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DREAM AND DO THE POSSIBLE

Roger Schiltz – Seattle Chapter

Kitty and I were in Chipole, Tanzania, waiting for the rain. Very little rain had fallen for five months. Everyone was waiting to plant when the new moon was in decline and the rainy season had begun.



Photos courtesy of Kitty Schiltz.

Sr. Tuzinde, Mother of trees, and Roger planting trees in the Field of Dreams

pleasure being with them as they experienced the Tanzanian people. Two years ago, many people prayed for our daughter Laura when she was sick with Goodpasture Syndrome, a kidney disease. Many sisters in Chipole prayed for her. I was overwhelmed when I saw some of the sisters hug Laura, telling her that they had prayed for her and were happy to see her alive.

We accompanied Laura and Jenny to see the animals in the Selous Game Reserve and to swim in the blue-green Indian Ocean at Zanzibar, but taking them to the Field of Dreams (ten acres of trees we had helped plant) was the greatest experience for Kitty and me.

Mama Miti (the mother of trees) met us at the kibanda (hut) in the Field of Dreams, where she was cooking a chicken for Laura and Jenny in a clay stove. We ate it together, enjoying the Tanzanian cultural practice of serving chicken to welcome visitors, while we shared the experiences and the spirituality of tree planting.

We are experimenting with many ideas in the Field of Dreams. Some have succeeded. There are about 4,500 trees. Some are two feet tall. Some are 20 feet

This year we brought our daughter Laura and her friend Jenny with us. It was their first experience in Africa, and it was a

tall. This will be the third year of planting ten acres in sunflowers. The sunflower seeds are squeezed for sunflower cooking oil. Last year we planted passion fruit that produced a supply of juice for the sisters. We will increase the amount of passion fruit this year, as many plants survived the five months of drought. Many of the new passion fruit plants are growing along a 100-foot-long arbor of passion that you can walk through. The entry way is called *mlango wa paradiso* (door of paradise). We do have some fun explaining the name to people who are invited to visit the Field of Dreams and enter the Door of Paradise.

First you do what is needed, then you do the possible. Then the impossible will happen.



Jenny and Laura eat chicken cooked by Sr. Tuzinde.

Our newest adventure in the Field of Dreams is beekeeping. We now have six honeybee hives and expect six colonies of bees this year at harvest time. Sr. Tuzinde (the mother of bees) is learning about bees for the first time in Tanzania, and Kitty and I are learning beekeeping at home in Lacey, WA. We sent Sister a bee suit and smoker when we got home. It should be interesting for all of us.



Sr. Tuzinde, her brother, and Roger discuss "long bar" beehive under recently constructed covered apiary.

First you have to try something, such as beekeeping. Take a risk. Then you have to do the possible, and the impossible will happen.



WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED...

We especially sense the Spirit when Affiliates are gathered. Read about the excitement when Maryknoll Affiliate small mission communities gather: at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress; in Lima, Peru, with the Niño Jesús Afiliados; in Boston; and of course, at MAC 2014, the big triennial Maryknoll Affiliate Conference at Stony Point, New York, June 19-22nd. The July/August issue of NSFA will be slightly delayed to include photos and stories from the MAC 2014. Please send your reflections on MAC 2014, or on your recent Affiliate gatherings, to NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org. We will see you at Stony Point!

We keep encountering Pope Francis in the press, surprising us with his eminently sensible statements. Look for more on Papa Francisco in this NSFA.

Thank you for “gathering” with us through the NSFA. With the help of today’s technology we can have virtual, electronic gatherings, whenever we want. Have you “Liked” the Maryknoll Affiliate Facebook page? Are you following it?

Future NSFA issues will cover the updating of the Affiliate web site to enhance our communications and the forming of our community. Please participate by completing and returning page 11 of this issue, which asks about Affiliate use of media.



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 in more than 30 countries.

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 call toll free 877-897-2386 or e-mail inquiry@maryknollaffiliates.org.

MAC 2014 UPDATE



MAC 2014 is almost here! Are you registered and ready to meet on Thursday, June 19, at Stony Point? We’ve planned a slate of enriching activities:

Friday: A day at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Center. Following the Opening Liturgy, Fr. John Sivalon will deliver his keynote address; panelists Robert Ellsberg, Mary Ellen Kempken, MM, and Sam Stanton will reflect on Fr. Sivalon’s remarks. After lunch, we break out in small groups to discuss the keynote address and panel responses. Open time will allow for visits to various sites on the grounds of Maryknoll.

Saturday: Maryknoll activities will be highlighted. After Morning Prayer, our DVD on the activities/projects of various Affiliate Chapters will be presented. Then, in breakout sessions, we will discuss various areas of concern to all involved with Maryknoll. After lunch, the Maryknoll Lay Missioners will present their activities.

Sunday: Before the Closing Liturgy, we hear from the Affiliate Board, the Executive Coordinator, and Regional Coordinators. Each day, evening socials add to opportunities to get to know fellow Affiliates and friends of Maryknoll.



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We welcome submission of articles by Maryknoll Affiliates and Maryknoll Missioners, as well as suggestions for articles. All submissions are subject to editing. We publish articles as appropriate in conjunction with issue themes.

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POPE'S THOUGHTS ON FORMATION APPLY TO MARYKNOLL AFFILIATES

John Moritz - Northeast Florida Chapter, Southeast Regional Coordinator



Recently I read an account by Antonio Spadaro, SJ, of a conversation between Pope Francis and the superiors of men's religious communities during their meeting in Rome, November 27-29, 2013. Much of their conversation about

formation, charism, and mission within religious communities applies to our Affiliate communities.

"Formation is a work of Art, not a police action."

1. "Formation has four pillars: spiritual, intellectual, communal and apostolic." I almost jumped out of my chair when I read this. It was as though the pope was reading our playbook. Actually, I find it quite humbling to know that we are a part of the great wholeness reflected in this statement by the pope. I can't help but see the broad smile of Fr. Jim Madden, MM!
2. "These four pillars are not sequential but must be integrated." I sometimes forget that the pillars are not separate and distinct but are one in purpose. They all provide support together. Perhaps it is this integration that makes it difficult to define Maryknoll spirituality.
3. "Formation is not only directed at personal growth but toward the final goal, the people of God." If our formation does not lead us outward as well as inward, then we have missed the point.

Most people joining the Affiliates have a history of acting and doing "Maryknoll-type things," e.g., prophetic witness. However, our Affiliate community can offer them a broader vision and a place to feel at home. In Bolivia, all the local Maryknoll community meets monthly to pray and share their lives in mission. The fathers and brothers, the sisters, and lay missionaries each have their individual mission activities and lives, but they come together as community. In a similar way, as Affiliates we have our individual lives and mission efforts, but periodically we come together as community to share and to support one another.

"The frontiers of mission: marginalization, culture and education..."

1. "...While geographic frontiers remain, these symbolic frontiers that are not predetermined but dynamic, determine the charism of the community..." The charism of the founders is expressed uniquely in each place and time. I think what the pope is getting at is that the charism does not change, but its expression varies.
2. "The realities of exclusion remain the most important priorities." I find this a precise statement of and a strong affirmation of who we are and what we do. Symbolic boundaries occur in all our lives regardless of where we live. We can go beyond them in solidarity with all regardless of our individual location.

"The charism of the community is not a bottle of distilled water."



I love this imagery. The frontiers, which determine our giftedness or charism, are dynamic. It is easy to get into a historical mindset that the way we used to do it is the "best way to do it." Am I distilled water? Pope Francis has a vision for us that is anything but distilled, saccharine, or pristine. It's great to be a part of the community of the dirty feet.

1. "Daily culture is richer and more conflicted than in the past... Enculturation today calls for new attitudes." Enculturation is not merely taking on the folkloric adaptations of culture but entering into the mindset of the people. In my work with refugee resettlement, I recognize just how different we Americans are, not just in the way we live, but in the way we think, in how we express ourselves, and in the value judgments we make in our lives.
2. "We need to promote maturity and Christian freedom in the People of God." As we Affiliates move into the third wave of mission, we take our place not ahead or behind our other Maryknoll family members, but together we live out our Gospel call.

Thanks, Papa Francisco for a fresh voice of support and direction.



“New” Affiliates in Lima have deep Maryknoll roots.

SERVIR A VECINOS – SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Manny Hotchkiss & Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss –
Portland Chapter

In his introduction, Raul Llamas, the coordinator, explained that the Niño Jesús Afiliados de Maryknoll work as a group with the poor, with drug addicts, with those experiencing family problems, and with the youth in the streets. “We are a community that formed to serve our neighbors.” Amelia stated that some of these people’s problems come because they lack faith. She hopes that those they serve will come to know Jesus in their heads and in their hearts.

We met with these energetic Maryknoll Affiliates during our brief visit to Lima, Peru, in March 2014. Twelve of the 26 members of this newly recognized chapter were able to gather with us, many wearing their Niño Jesús Affiliates t-shirts.

At my request, Lucia Vasquez, their chapter contact person, had arranged for us to gather with this new chapter even though she was not able to join us because of a work commitment. Located in the eastern outskirts of the sophisticated South American city of Lima, the crowded Ciudad de Dios neighborhood presses up the sides of the surrounding arid hills. This bustling barrio includes the Niño Jesús parish church, which Maryknoll Fathers built over 40 years ago.

Beginning with a prayer, we shared about our respective chapters. Fredy showed a PowerPoint presentation about their recently recognized chapter. Some of their members were catechists with the Maryknoll Fathers 40 years ago. “We were formed by Maryknoll,” he proudly pointed to himself in the photo, “when I had hair!” They obviously appreciated their long relationship with Fr. Tom Burns, MM, and emphasized that they keep the Maryknoll Sisters in their hearts. He told us how the shocking killing of Fredy’s brother in 2011 brought them even closer and “gave us more strength to continue our service to God.” The impressive Niño Jesús presentation, in Spanish, uses many photos to help summarize their values, their history, and their projects. (See <http://notsofarfield.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/comunidad-ppt.pdf>)

Although some had worked for many years with Maryknoll as catechists, the group ranged in age and professions, including a psychologist, an accountant,

engineers, and teachers. I saw similarities to other Affiliate chapters but was especially moved by their dedication to working as a group on their projects, for example, when they assist the Sisters of Charity or



Photo by Manny Hotchkiss

Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss is surrounded by some Niño Jesús Affiliates (in alphabetical order): Amelia, Carmen, Corina, Elva, Jesus, Magdalena, Martha, Pedro, Raul, Reyna, Ricardina, and Victor.



help those with eye problems. In our Portland, Oregon, chapter, we more typically work as individuals and then come together as a chapter for community and spirituality.

The Niño Jesús Chapter is also strong on community—that day we celebrated Elva’s birthday with coffee-flavored cake and chicha morado, the modern purple Peruvian soda. Grateful for their hospitably accommodating our broken Spanish and inspired by their love and enthusiasm, we in turn offered each of them a simple Peace bracelet.

In farewell, we sang in Spanish the hymn, “Pescador de Hombres” ... “O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name; all I longed for I have found by the water, at your side, I will seek other shores.”

We hope to reconnect with several of these new Affiliates through Facebook and at the 2014 MAC.



La ayuda de los pobres para los mas pobres. – Help from the poor for the poorer. (Photo from Niño Jesús Chapter’s PowerPoint presentation.)



[The editors asked Kathee Bautista, mother of Kimberly Bautista, to update us on **Justice for My Sister**. The Jan/Feb 2014 NSFA featured Kimberly's film and Kathee's Guatemala travels.]

JUSTICE AND NONVIOLENCE

Kathee Bautista – Los Angeles Chapter

Over the last 2 months, the *Justice for My Sister* organization has co-sponsored two workshops in Los Angeles on healthy relationships. Kimberly Bautista has taken the film to Mexico City and New York City. In addition, the *Justice for My Sister* campaign against domestic violence is moving through Ecuador. Kimberly will be traveling to Ecuador in late April to join the volunteers there. See their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/JusticeForMySister.

On Sunday, May 18, the Justice for My Sister campaign will sponsor Take Back the Night, a celebration in Mariachi Plaza near downtown Los Angeles. There will be music, poetry, art, and workshops, as well as an outdoor screening of the film.

Upon learning about Campaign Nonviolence (<http://paceebene.org/campaign-nonviolence>), promoted by Pace e Bene, the *Justice for My Sister* collective immediately began a study group, using Pace e Bene's 12-session study guide called, *Engage: Living the Non-violent Life*. Fr. John Dear is working with Pace e Bene on the campaign, speaking around the country on his new book, *The Nonviolent Life*. He spoke about peacemaking at the 2010 Western Region Affiliate Conference in San Diego.

Fr. John Dear says nonviolent living is threefold:

- Nonviolence towards oneself,
- Nonviolence towards others, and
- Taking nonviolent public action.

Pace e Bene is asking groups to take some sort of nonviolent public action throughout the country the week of September 21, before congressional elections. They hope that by holding the actions at the same time, we will connect the dots between peace, economic justice, and the environment.

The LA Chapter of Maryknoll Affiliates has committed to at least a few meetings to study the *Engage* curriculum. I plan to attend a weekend training on nonviolence co-sponsored by Pace e Bene and Southern California Pax Christi on June 7 and 8, in South Pasadena. I anticipate that there will be some sort of public action in Southern California. I am sure that some of the Affiliates will join in.



CHAPTERS IN ACTION

AFFILIATES MEET IN ANAHEIM

John Hernandez & Kathee Bautista –
Los Angeles Chapter

Taking advantage of the massive LA Religious Education Congress, the Los Angeles Affiliates organized an Affiliate gathering and helped at the Maryknoll booth this March. Two attendees commented:

John Hernandez – On Saturday, March 15, several Affiliates gathered at the RE Congress. Los Angeles Affiliates present were Tim Moffett, Sister Kathryn Shannon, Irma Pazmino, Richard Perez, Kathee Bautista, Joe and Peggy Santos, and Deacon Leonel Yoque. Fr. Jack Moynihan, a Maryknoll Father who lives in the Bay Area, joined us. Fr. Jack is planning to attend our next meeting in Los Angeles, since he will be in town at the time, and we will give him time on the agenda to introduce himself to us.

Kathee Bautista – We had a great time at the Congress. I worked at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers booth both Saturday and Sunday and met wonderful people while we distributed 380 to 400 of our fliers. We can expect to see a few new folks at our next meeting in Little Tokyo, including parishioners from St. Francis Xavier. We met several graduates from Maryknoll Schools worldwide who continue to embrace the Maryknoll spirit. Youth leaders expressed interest in immersion trips. We also made contacts with groups that might want to collaborate with us in the future.



Photos taken at Congress, including this one of Affiliates "gathering with" Pope Francis, may be viewed on the LA Maryknoll Affiliates' Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maryknoll-Affiliates-Los-Angeles/149679705071707>

PLAYING BIG

Mef Ford – Greater Boston/New England Chapter



The Greater Boston/New England Affiliate Chapter meets bimonthly to enjoy reflection, personal sharing, prayer, and a potluck meal together. About a dozen members include those who have served mission needs on their own or with other groups, as well as former lay missionaries, sisters, and priests. Maryknoll brothers and fathers had attended until recently but have since moved elsewhere.

At our meeting this month, we reflected on Nelson Mandela and Jim Madden, MM, men who were not afraid to play big, as well as on personal models who saw our individual lights and encouraged our living full-out. But laying wreaths at the feet of others can beg the challenge to fill our own shoes. So we went on to reveal to each other ways in which we are playing small or are confronting fear and taking the risk to act powerfully.

Most of these actions are not newsworthy, but neither is each star that makes up the night sky. One member is combining open-heartedness with assertiveness; she found a way to confront a neighbor's attempts to diminish her without making him wrong, living out Eleanor Roosevelt's quote: "No one can make you feel inferior without your permission." Ironically, this opened her heart a bit more to him. Another is responding to a co-worker's put-downs by claiming respect backed by consequences and to a parent's demands by giving herself permission to say no freely.

Fear is a powerful emotion that can put walls around us so that we do not do what we are meant to do. Home schooling her children through high school was

*"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure
... Your playing small does not serve the world.
... We are all meant to shine, as children do."
Marianne Williamson*



a big risk that one group member took. Another's decision to leave Maryknoll involved facing the fear that breaking his vows would mean losing his relationship with God. "Go slow and listen," he told himself, "and the answer will come." It did,

in the form of a realization that breaking the relationship was impossible, and he was then free to allow himself to be led in another direction. Still another has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's. Playing big for him involves maximizing his care of himself while also learning to surrender to what is.

In our closing prayer before dinner, Bill Murphy quoted a friend's remembrance of Jim Madden, whose funeral was the day before. "I feel such sadness that we have lost this extraordinary man—a rare keeper of gentle courage, brilliance, and persistence. But here (in the Williamson quote, above) is the reminder that around us, perhaps in shadow, are many courageous warriors of the heart." May we each be one—a warrior for compassion, fairness, and living large.



Please Pray for Her Family...

Kelly Gordon, my former student and a Red Bank Maryknoll Affiliate for three years, was killed on April 10th as she attempted to cross 84th street in New York City.

Kelly, a senior at Boston College due to graduate in May, was in NYC with her sister to interview for a job. Kelly was a quiet and wonderful young woman who had a deep sense of compassion for all, but especially for children.—**Mary Logan**

A CHAPTER MEETING TO REMEMBER

Kathie Gribble – Fox Cities Chapter,
Affiliate Board Member

Our Fox Cities-Wisconsin Chapter is active in various local and global activities, but we meet as Maryknollers only three times a year. This February we had an exceptional meeting. Only four of our six members were present, but the simple Easy Meeting format carried us through all the information we needed to share and enter into a deeper experience.

We honored the memory of our dear co-founder, Fr. Jim Madden, MM, following the Irish Funeral Prayer format. After “Touchdown”—sharing in a few sentences our most current concern, interest, or joy, we highlighted recent Maryknoll developments:

- Formation Resources
- The upcoming MAC 2014
- JustFaith Collaboration
- Affiliate Website and Social Media update plans
- Midwest Regional Coordinator nomination progress and concern for the loss of regional connection in the past few years.

We also considered ideas for Maryknoll Affiliate youth and connecting to young adults in the U.S., noting that the Affiliate chapters in Central and South America have strong youth involvement.

For our Reflection, we used an Easy Meeting: John Meyer’s “Affiliates & Interfaith Dialogue” (See notsofarfield.org/2013/06/30/affiliates-interfaith-dialogue/.) in the July/Aug NSFA. The opening prayer by Fr. Veneroso, MM, and the context statement from Pope Paul VI’s *Nostra Aetate*, were a great start. We were asked to “silently consider” two initial questions as we read about the Arizona Interfaith Movement. Our group shared readily about personal experiences of interfaith relationships: stories of families’ attitudes about other religions, personal faith journeys, and the gift of those good friends of other faiths. The sharing flowed easily. We heard a deep gratefulness for current interfaith leadership development in our area and for the gift of having both Muslim and Jewish presence on our community organizing-for-justice group—the ESTHER Board.

Taking turns, we read the list of events of the Arizona Interfaith Movement, and then the points of agreement from representatives of the world religions listed by Fr. Thomas Keating, OSCO, in “An Experience of Interreligious Dialogue.” These seven points catalyzed more sharing and wonder at the development of our spiritual journeys and our sense of oneness with

the mystery of Ultimate Reality. We were grateful for the Maryknoll Movement’s long, rich history of respecting and learning from other faiths. We grew in appreciation for opportunities in our own community, as well as overseas, to share in events with people of other faith traditions. To close, I gave each person a copy of “The Golden Rule” as expressed in the holy books of twelve different faith traditions.

The business meeting included notices of local activities and collaboration events, with reports on: prison ministry initiatives; JustFaith modules— one for Muslims and Christians together, a new Social Justice education module, and a Prison Ministry module; and scheduled Immigration Simulation events.



Affiliates (seated, l. to r.) Kathie Gribble (in blue ESTHER shirt), Penny Robinson, and Nancy Bourassa (in teal shirt), Chair of the Immigration Task Force, at an Immigration Task Force meeting.

Regarding ESTHER, notices included:

- Chapter member Penny Robinson, our ESTHER president, spoke at St. Norbert College’s Simulation event; see the video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BRN7F_Uqzk&list=UUZSE2DLTCJXiXo7cw9vxH4g&feature=c4-overview.
- Faith-based community organizing, such as our ESTHER (Gamaliel Foundation) was praised in *Commonweal*’s, “Getting Organized, Catholics and Community Activism,” (Nov. 15th 2013): “This should be the pride of the Catholic Church in the US today and should be held up as the moral voice of Catholicism in a time of unprecedented inequality and greed in American life.”

We enjoyed Fr. Carl’s Meulemans’ piano rendition of Brahms, a meal together, and prayer. Ed Kleckner shared pictures from his recent trip to Cochabamba, Bolivia, to counsel and support the education of orphans in a Salesian orphanage and the connected transition house for the young women over age 18.

“Good meeting” was the feeling all around. We had gained a new appreciation for each other, for our connection with the Maryknoll family, and for people of faith everywhere.



SLICE OF OAXACA LIFE: A PHOTO-ESSAY

Pat Denevan and Mary Gill Denevan
 – Merida Chapter

Take Care of the People

We have a small grocery store in our neighborhood called *Abarrotes Don Chucho*. *Abarrotes* are groceries; *Don* is a title of respect, and *Chucho* is a short name for Jesús. If you remember your Spanish you can translate the *extenso surtido* (great choice) they offer.



Often, inside the store we will meet the grandmother and her granddaughter.



This is Don Adrian. He is an *albañil* (mason or bricklayer) who gets work when he can find it in Huayapam. He is often looking for work. He didn't smile for this picture because he has only a few teeth left. We were both surprised, one day, to learn that we are the same age, 78. I, Pat, look much younger than he because I have been privileged in my life to have good medical and dental care. Also, I did not have a life of hard physical labor like Don Adrian still has to this day.

Take Care of the Land

We will plant our cornfield this year and hope we get a good harvest. This picture from a past year shows Javier weeding the field with his team of bulls. We will have natural, organic corn.



Take Care of the Planet, Too

The reports which say Climate Change is already here makes us think we should get after all our international leaders to join us to do something about it. This is the only planet we have. (We didn't take this "Earth-rise" picture of our planet; just borrowed it from NASA.)



Photo reprinted with permission of NASA.

The sunrise over Huayapam, where we live, is just another example of the natural beauties of our Mother Earth.



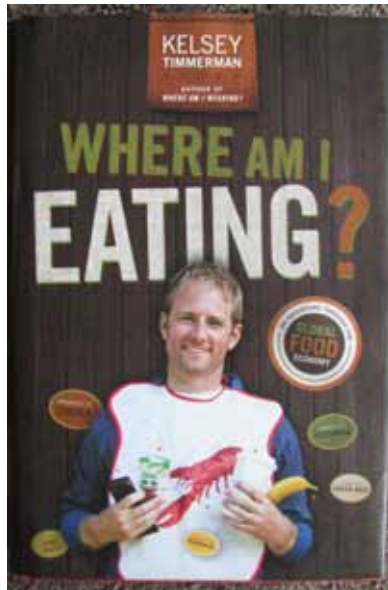
WHERE AM I EATING? – A REVIEW

Paula Schaffner – CA Central Coast Chapter

Where Am I Eating?

By Kelsey Timmerman

Wiley, 2013.



Author Kelsey Timmerman, having previously taken readers through the question, *Where Am I Wearing?*, next tackles food products (Wiley, 2013). Traveling to countries that are major exporters of coffee, chocolate, bananas, lobster, and apple juice, Timmerman seeks to experience a day in the life of the grower/harvester of each product.

Weaving in the statistics surrounding each commodity's costs of production, with particular emphasis on wages, Timmerman paints a vivid picture of the lifestyle and prospects of the fieldworkers. He fleshes out such issues as worker safety, slavery, child labor, barriers to education, and more. He searches for coffee growers who are aware of Fair Trade associations such as those espoused by Starbucks and finds a disconnect between what Fair Trade means to the local grower and what we as consumers understand the term to mean. He also notes the gap between farm prices and final market retail prices on other products.

Timmerman's tales, as he gains entry into people's homes and lives, make this an enjoyable read, but it is much more than that. He offers an even-handed approach to complex subjects, shedding some light while posing many tough questions. I'll never again feel smugly virtuous for buying Fair-Trade coffee or completely guilt-free while enjoying a 19-cent banana. It's hard to know how to eat conscientiously, and *Where am I Eating?* does not purport to be a guidebook. But it certainly makes one think!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR'S DESK

From the Executive Coordinator's Desk

THE COSMIC EGG HUNT

An announcement was made during our church's Easter morning liturgy that an Easter egg hunt for the children would take place immediately after Mass. To the best of my knowledge, no one found, nor did anyone think to hide, the elusive *cosmic egg* that day.

The term, found in many creation myths, refers to a kind of beginning (egg) from which a primordial life form or the universe (cosmos) hatched. For the young among us, "Cosmic Egg" is probably better known as the second studio album by Wolfmother, an Australian rock band. If you are close to my age, I suspect you will not find it in your extensive CD collection.

In modern times, the *cosmic egg* is understood to mean the central paradigm or worldview that, most often subliminally, directs what we do and choices we make on our earthly trek. For all those among us who once again said, "Yes" to Jesus' resurrection this Easter, it might be a good time to try to get a sense of the underlying message in our guiding paradigm.

In a very moving and impactful Easter homily at Saint Mary's, the pastor started off by saying that even after almost 40 years of being a priest, he still, "*did not fully get (believe in enough) the radical message of the resurrection... .*" Otherwise, he said, his life would have changed more. He would laugh more, care more, put aside his workaholic tendencies, be less petty, try always to see more deeply, etc. The honesty and integrity of his words to this culturally diverse and mostly poor community of parishioners quieted the crowd only a sentence or two into the homily. Sitting among them, I thought to myself, "the Church needs more leaders like this."

A Scripture passage came to me as I reflected on that day: "*My yoke is easy and my burden is light*" (Matthew 11:30). I remember many years ago reading a poignant statement on this passage by Paul Tillich, the Protestant theologian and existential philosopher; he said that indeed Jesus' yoke is easy, but that organized religion very often was culpable for making it burdensome. Like the pastor at Saint Mary's, perhaps we too don't yet fully "get" the depth of the Easter message. But, if our guiding paradigm is expansive enough and our daily searching authentic enough, we will begin to speak of our spiritual experience of God as peaceful, easy, expectant, and filled with joy. The children searching for those eggs already seemed to have this down quite well. – **Bob Short**

MARYKNOLL AFFILIATE BOARD NOMINATIONS

John Meyer – Phoenix Chapter

Maryknoll Affiliate Board Nominations Committee

We are currently seeking nominations of individuals for appointment to the Maryknoll Affiliate Board. We need members who are dedicated to serving the Affiliate movement and who will share our commitment to building a strong and sustainable organization.



Current Board, l to r: Sr. Ann Hayden, MM, David Schaffner, Ann Carr, John Meyer, Fr. Paul Masson, MM, Margo Cambier, Rich Lessard, Mary Massaro, Patricia Barneond, Joe Symkowick, Patty Symkowick, Kathie Gribble

They should promote the charism of Maryknoll and remain steadfast to the four pillars of the Affiliate movement. Please tell us if you or someone you know can offer that dedication and have the desire to serve as a board Member.

Board members are primarily responsible to participate in the development of policy and in major decision-making at board meetings. The Affiliate Board is accountable to write and approve policies that clarify our purpose, principles, and goals; to provide clear and concise guidelines to measure progress on goals; and to set priorities for subsequent action.

The following information may be helpful to someone considering agreeing to nomination:

1. Term – Appointment to the Board will be for a three (3) year term with the option to renew for another three (3) years.
2. Meetings – Board members attend two (2) Board meetings per year and participate in conference calls as needed.
3. Duties – Apply leadership, wisdom, and creativity to policy development; contribute to the generation of sound decisions regarding the future direction of the Affiliate movement; serve actively on an ongoing basis on one or more Board committees.
4. Transportation – Board members are responsible for their own transportation to and from Board meetings, which usually are held in New York.

Nominees should have been an Affiliate for at least one year and have developed familiarity with the Maryknoll

entities (The society of the Fathers & Brothers, Congregation of the Sisters, and Lay Missioners). It is essential that a Board Member possess basic computer and electronic email skills (composing, sending, opening, and attaching documents).

Nominations to the Maryknoll Affiliate Board are accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as vacancies arise. The Nomination and the Executive Committees together review and select nominees.

Please submit your nomination to John Meyer at meyer-jama@hotmail.com. Along with the nominee's name and contact information, please include a brief summary of the nominee's qualifications and a letter of recommendation from his/her chapter. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the Board, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Board.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration as we move forward to shape a strong future for the Maryknoll Affiliates movement.



NEWS FROM THE KNOLL



Sr. Rose Duchesne Debrecht, MM, a Maryknoll sister since her entry in St. Charles, MO, in 1940, died Feb. 22, 2014. Serving the youth in Hong Kong for over 60 years, she was a teacher, principal, spiritual directress, journalist, and English tutor.

Sr. Rosemary Bass, MM, a Maryknoll Sister for 64 years, died March 16 at the age of 88. She taught English to Japanese students at all levels, in Los Angeles and in Japan. In the 1970s, she was in charge of the Center's Direct Mail Department and then cared for her ailing mother.

Sr. Agnes Cazalé, MM, after a long illness, died on April 8th. Born in New Orleans, LA, in 1923, she entered Maryknoll in 1943 and was a Maryknoll Sister for 71 years. She served in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, primarily in spiritual direction and counseling.



The Maryknoll Affiliate Media Committee is working to improve our communications. Please return this form to provide your input:

Maryknoll Affiliate Use of Media

Your name: _____ Phone: _____ Chapter: _____

Email: _____ Contact person: _____

Put an X before the phrases or in the boxes that apply to you.

1. Frequency of use of:	<u>daily</u>	<u>weekly</u>	<u>monthly</u>	<u>almost never</u>	<u>don't use</u>
Email					
Affiliate web site – MaryknollAffiliates.org					
Affiliate Facebook page – www.facebook.com/maryknollaffiliates					

2. Monday email with web site updates: _____ I receive it _____ I want to get it.

3. The Affiliate newsletter comes to me:	A paper copy by mail	By email attachment	online
<i>Not So Far Afield (NSFA)</i>			
NotSoFarAfield.org	NA	NA	
NoTanLejosdelHorizonteMK.blogspot.com	NA	NA	

4. I read:	from cover to cover.	I only skim it.	I don't read it.	I don't receive it.	I want to receive it.
<i>Not So Far Afield</i> Newsletter					
<i>Maryknoll</i> Magazine					
<i>Revista</i> Magazine					

5. My Chapter sends: _____ notices _____ meeting summaries _____ by email _____ by telephone

6. I'll help with: _____ NSFA newsletter _____ Media Committee _____ Affiliate Facebook page

Other: _____

7. A topic of interest for an article or issue of the NSFA is: _____

Thank you. Your additional comments would be appreciated: _____

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