

Appreciation of the Alumnae  
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I retired from teaching in 1987. Since then I have been keeping in touch with the former students of Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Many of them have settled in different parts of the world.

Due to the fact that I was in social work for about 18 years prior to my teaching profession, I made home visits to every student I taught and got to know the parents and family members. Their lives fascinated me and they have enriched my life and my growth.

In school, we, Maryknoll Sisters and lay teachers, instill into the students life values and morals, guide them to individual thinking, and inspire them to take the consequences of their actions, assist them to form their individual characters, and encourage them to self learning. Above all, we try to lead them to a deep faith and hope in God.

Now we are reaping the harvest. With an educated guess, I think over 95% of those students are professionals in all walks of life, influencing people to create a better world.

The alumnae have demonstrated for us, Maryknoll Sisters, that they have a caring heart and they have a passionate concern for us as Maryknoll Sisters and our ministries. They organize themselves in regions to promote regular fundraising for us. Some do fundraising as a class, others as a group and still others as individual donors.

They also donate material goods to enhance our living such as furniture, medical equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.), bedding and linens and treats.

To further demonstrate their expression of love and concern for the Maryknoll Sisters, they come to the Motherhouse to pay regular visits or they to find their roots. Last year alone, I hosted 134 visits and from which 68 were overnight guests.

The highlight of the alumnae's activities for the Maryknoll Sisters is the making a documentary film of the Maryknoll Sisters' ministries in Hong Kong called "Trailblazer in Habits. They do fund raising among themselves for this project which will be accomplished next year for the Centennial of the Maryknoll Sisters.

Eventually, the alumnae of Maryknoll Sisters School, Hong Kong also heard about me as the alumnae liaison. They contact me and do the same for the Maryknoll Sisters, caring for the elderly sick Sisters and supporting the younger Sisters in mission with their contributions and prayers.

What is very consoling is to see that they are passionately concerned about the Maryknoll Sisters and they commit themselves to do whatever way they can voluntarily. They believe that the more they give the more they receive. Some give the widow's mite, but their deep faith and hope in God is that God will take care of the Sisters through them and they themselves have the intense hope that God will take care of them in return.

For their love, care and concern, we, Maryknoll Sisters, are deeply grateful. Our prayers are always accompanying their journey of life. May they be filled with the blessings and presence of the Risen Lord at this Happy Easter Season!