



Centennial Events Newsletter

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1. About our Centennial Opening:

- **The Ritual/Liturgy Committee**, which Sr. Regina Pellicore and Sr. Carolyn White have joined, is planning to have the official opening extend in a **celebratory flow** of events from January 6 to January 8, 2012, and will receive assistance from the Retreat/Reflection Committee for the morning reflection on January 6.

2. From the Retreat/Reflection Committee:

- The March issue of the inspiring **Monthly Reflections** addressed the development of the Mission Study Group, the first contact with Father Walsh, and the mission apostolate of *The Field Afar*.
- **Mollie's family home** in Boston has been declared an historic site by the City Council, and a plaque dedicated to Mollie and the Maryknoll Sisters has been placed on the house.
- Sr. Claudette La Verdiere's book, ***On the Threshold of the Future***, which is dedicated to Sr. Barbara Hendricks, and begins with a Prologue by Sr. Janice McLaughlin, will be published by Orbis Books at the end of 2011.
- An **Interfaith Prayer Day** will take place during the first week of February in 2012.

3. For our Multi-Cultural Festival/Bazaar:

- Plans about logistics and mapping of the different outdoor areas are in the works.

4. About our Centennial Concert:

- This concert, sponsored by **Rogers Community**, will take place at the Seminary chapel on Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2012. There will be a repeat performance at our Center on Monday, May 21.
- **Three composers** of liturgical music will celebrate with us; they are Michael Joncas (*On Eagles Wings*), Marty Haugen (*Mass of Creation*) and David Haas (*Beatitudes*).

5. From Communications:

- ***Hearts on Fire*** will be advertised in the Fall 2011 catalogue of Orbis Books with primary sales in 2012. **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** will write the **Foreword** for this edition. The contributions from the **World Sections** will constitute a new "short chapter." Sr. Janice McLaughlin will write an **Afterword** that focuses on the Centennial.
- The ***Illustrated History of the Maryknoll Sisters*** may be ready for publication in October 2011.
- The **Development Department** is also "totally immersed" in promoting the Centennial. They are in the process of hiring a **communications manager** (who will also work on centennial projects). Creative energy is currently centered on the issue of the **Maryknoll magazine** that will focus on the Mk Srs, on an updated (Centennial) version of the **Maryknoll**

Srs booklet, and on our winter appeal that will be a piece that folds open to a **wall map** highlighting our mission work around the world, and will be mailed in late December to arrive by Jan. 6, 2012.

6. About the Centennial Garden:

- **To honor donors**, two outdoor displays will be part of the Garden. One display at the entrance of the Garden will contain a book listing the names of donors from the first 100 years; the other display placed further on into the Garden will contain a book for the names of donors from 2012 onward.
- **Donations** for developing the Garden can be made on our website's Mission/Projects page: www.mklsisters.org/index.php/projects/987-centennial-garden-of-gratitude-and-promise.

7. About the Mk Sisters Symposium:

- The locale for this event will be the **chapel**, with simultaneous video-streaming to other areas as possible.
- The **respondents** will be Maryknoll Srs, preferably from the World Sections, in order to generate intergenerational and intercultural responses, especially because the talks will be given from a Western perspective. Different WS perceptions may also surface in break-out groups.
- Since the Symposium is also a **vocation promotion moment**, notices will be put into diocesan newspapers, and invitations will be sent to nearby colleges, as well as Smith and Wellesley.
- **Others to be invited** include our Orientation Sisters, Sisters from other communities (and particularly the Sinsinawa and Hawthorne Dominicans), Full Circle members, Affiliates, major donors, and alums.

8. About the Alumnae/i:

- Annette Chan-Norris has asked alums in regions to write **brief histories** of their respective schools in the regions and of some of the impact that the schools have had on them. It is suggested that a binder of such histories be placed on a table in the vicinity of the heritage room.
- Some of the activities being discussed at the local branch of the Maryknoll Schools in **Hong Kong** include hosting an event for alums from other Maryknoll Sisters' schools, having fund-raising events for the Centennial, and encouraging members to attend some of the events at the Center. A related event is the 50th anniversary of the Hong Kong Hospital in Fall of 2011. **Miriam College** in the Philippines is also planning to observe the Centennial by erecting a Centennial garden, holding symposia, and fundraising.

- Annette is also looking for **former students** from the Sisters' schools in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Seattle; she has asked the Sisters who taught there for some names.
- As of now, alums from the **Philippines** plan to attend the April Symposium; alums from **Toronto** will help with the Festival in October, and others from **Guatemala** as well as **Panama** will come sometime in 2012.

9. Society Centennial-related Events:

- Events are being planned **around the country**, some jointly with the Society as in St. Louis on May 11, 2011, and in the San Francisco East Bay Area on May 10, 2011.
- **Cardinal O'Malley** will honor Maryknoll in Boston on Mission Sunday, 2011. Fr. Tom Marti MM is planning a celebration in Seattle later this year.