



# Always A Missioner

a newsletter for MKLM Returned Missioners

## Greetings from Bethany!

This last quarter has been a busy one for me. I created an independent website for Friends Across Borders that took a great deal of time. However, it came out well and I invite you to visit it at [www.friendsacrossborders.org](http://www.friendsacrossborders.org). Please give me your feedback. The site is still in process and is linked to the main MKLM site.

Another big project that I'm involved in is developing Always a Missioner webpages. All the pages are ready to be launched and just waiting for the joint website office to put them up. They will be a part of the MKLM main site.

Thanks to all of you who send articles and news items. I really appreciate it! Please send your article for the Spring 2012 issue to P.O. Box 307, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0307 or to [alwaysamissioner@mklm.org](mailto:alwaysamissioner@mklm.org).

In the Spirit of Christmas,  
Cecilia

## WORDS FROM MKLM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Christmas greetings!



Fr. Bill Vos and Joanne Miya with a waitress in Mwanza, Tanzania during a visit.

Dear friends in Mission,

A few years ago when our Board of Directors was meeting at Bethany, we scheduled an evening social and dinner with the incoming candidates. At one point I decided it would be of interest for our Board members to hear from these aspiring missionaries, so I asked each to respond to

two questions: "Why mission?" and "Why Maryknoll?". Their brief stories were so very fascinating and inspiring that this has now become an annual event when we all gather in October.

So it was again recently when our 15 Board members gathered for our social hour with the 13 candidates; truly a high point for our Board. To hear how the varied and amazing life journeys of each have led them to Maryknoll Lay Missioners is a great affirmation of the worthiness of the humble efforts of those of us serving MKLM as Board members.

One after another shared incredibly significant accomplishments.  
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## 15 years with Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Brazil

by Heidi Cerneka ('96 Brazil)

*"Good travelers take care of their weary companions. They guess when they lose heart. They take them as they find them, listen to them. Intelligently, gently, above all lovingly, they encourage them to go on and recover their joy in the journey." Dom Helder Camara, Bishop of Brazil*

15 years ago- I came in the door to Maryknoll Lay Missioners- compelled to do something different- to move beyond familiar and boundaries and try to participate in the building of a better world.

I still believe that 15 years later- I believe that it IS possible- but a lot harder and a LOT more work!



These 15 years have been amazing, grace-filled, frustrating, hilarious, rewarding, inspirational, and heartbreaking.

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ments thus far in their lives and now they expect to top these off, as the crowning of all, as long-term missionaries... just wonderful to hear these concrete expressions of the unique place MKLM enjoys within the US Catholic Church.



**Dinner presentation of the Candidates Class 2011 to the Board of Directors and Global Council members.**

Indeed MKLM is unique as the only independent Catholic mission sending organization that is structured specifically to recruit, prepare and sustain laity who wish to make a long-term or lifetime vocational commitment to global mission. And to make certain this continues and in fact grows, the Board of Directors carries, along with other duties and responsibilities, the primary fiscal responsibility for MKLM.

To illustrate with an example: One area of concern is MKLM's retirement program. While we have a modest program in place to allow missionaries to stay overseas for the bulk of their working life, we like so many both public and private organizations,

are struggling to maintain the annual financing requirements. However the very fact that MKLM is unique in even having a retirement program and the intense work of the Board and our staff to find ways to maintain it indicates the solid commitment we all have to sustain this vehicle (MKLM) for the vital ministry of laity in mission.

In other words we need to back up the stated purpose for our organization with concrete support to make certain it happens. And I would add that in spite of the challenges we have been struggling with during this economic down-turn, we're optimistic. With our best efforts, the support of so many who care about us and mission, and the grace of God, MKLM will see ever brighter days.

Each of us consider it an honor to participate in this collaborative process of calling and sending these missionaries and, of course, we invite and encourage each of you returned missionaries to walk with us in whatever way you can.

Christmas Blessings,

Rev. William Vos, '79 Tanzania

MKLM Board Chair

## CHURCH TALKS

### Returned Missioners and Affiliates help Make Church Talks a Success!

We are truly grateful to:

- Jason and Felicia Gehrig
- Ted and Maruja Gutmann - Gonzalez
- Kathy and Mark Morrison
- Chad Ribordy and Angel Mortel
- Jean Walsh
- Roberta and Jim McLaughlin
- And affiliates Bob and Nancy McFarland

For sharing their mission story and taking time speaking at a church date(s) for MKLM. You are a treasure!

If I'm missing the name of any person who helped us during 2011, please let me know.

In 2012 Maryknoll Lay Missioners will be speaking at different parishes across the United States. We have a list of 86 Returned Missioners who have offered to help us sharing their mission stories and raise funds for MKLM. If you are one of them you will be contacted by our Us Church Relations manager Alicia Butkiewicz. If you are not in that list and wish to help us, please contact her at [abutkiewicz@mklm.org](mailto:abutkiewicz@mklm.org) or by phone at **212-837-2756**.

For the specific schedule of parishes where our speakers will be, please visit [www.mklm.org](http://www.mklm.org) and go to [how you can participate](#) and then [events](#), where you will find a list of church dates.

I would not be where I am today, if not for all these years of support from family and friends- as well as from Maryknoll Lay Missioners. I am constantly humbled by people's generosity – gifts to me, donations of computers, sweaters, etc., financial support, and prayer.

What I have learned is immeasurable- and what I have contributed is also literally immeasurable.

I joined Maryknoll because I believe that the organization takes seriously the call to be a part of the construction of the Kingdom- to believe that everyone has the right to a safe, healthy and just life!

Over the years, I've been able to work with many individuals who have touched and affected my life, and while I am often able to offer help and support, I know that we have all grown from the interaction. Elisa- who recently told me I'm going to be someone someday!"; Sueli- who despite her hard life on the streets, has raised 4 kids- who are actually still in school or working, and Sueli never loses her sense of humor; and Angela- who is a constant reminder of limitations and powerlessness, but our stubborn resistance and refusal to give up in the face of a system that only sees her as one more case, and not the person she is.



At the same time- we've raised the question of women in prison at national and international levels- participating in UN conferences, debates, and the Commission for Human Rights of the Organization of American States. I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from some incredibly committed people- and fearless at that.

And finally- we debate issues related to crime,

violence, mental health, and drugs. Prison is not an effective response to all of this (just look at the global average of 70% recidivism)- and so we keep debating about how to address all of this differently, more creatively and make the world a better place for all of us!!



In a world that often seems rife with injustice and our own powerlessness to do anything to change it- we always go forward. We won't give up- we can't give up, because if we do, it's the inmates, their families and society that loses.

Frustrating as it is- I know that God is always right here among us.

As time passes- my family grows older (good thing I don't grow older- haha!); my friends have kids in high school and college- Yikes!! And Maryknoll and my work in Brazil continue to stretch me, to challenge me, to humble me. I have learned lots of great Brazilian music, have NOT learned to samba, or dance with my body painted for Carnival, or play REAL soccer!!

And so I say "thanks" for all the friendship and support that so many folks have always been for me!

## RECRUITMENT

### Do you know anyone discerning a call to mission?

Please tell them about the **Meet Maryknoll days** – gatherings in several places in the US:

**Houston, TX:** February 11, 2012

**Chicago, IL:** May 26, 2012

**Ossining, NY:** July 28, 2012

**Jacksonville, FL:** September 22, 2012

**Monrovia, CA:** October 20, 2012

**For more information and to register, they can contact:**

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## FRIENDS ACROSS BORDERS TEACHERS OF AMERICAN GROWN-UPS.

*By Mary Logan, Maryknoll Affiliate*

I am the moderator of the chapter of Maryknoll affiliates in Red Bank Catholic high school in NJ. I recently had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Maryknoll lay missionaries “Friends Across Borders” trip to Kenya in June.

When I told my students that I would be going to Kenya they were very excited for me and were eager to help by providing some gifts for the children I would meet while visiting MKLM projects throughout the country.

One of the lay missionaries that I spoke with suggested that soccer balls would be a wonderful gift for the schools and children’s homes.

My students, many of whom play soccer, were excited about the idea and held an ice cream sundae sale to raise money for the balls. Much discussion was held among the students as to what size soccer balls we should buy: how old were the children? How big were they? Did they wear sneakers while playing, or were they barefoot? After much discussion and list making we decided that we should get a few size 3 balls for the youngest children, some 4 for the older kids but that most of the balls should be size 5 as the kids could ‘grow into those.’ The order was placed at our local sporting goods store.

I arrived at one of the first projects in Kenya which was a center for children who have been abandoned. One of the older boys was asked to help me unload some gifts for the children. I told the boy that I had some soccer balls and his eyes lit up! “What a wonderful gift! We all play soccer!” he said. I asked his



**Marty Roers ('95 Kenya, Sudan) with Brooke Cibik (FAB participant) at St Monica's Secondary School**

opinion about what size balls to donate to his school. He gave me a puzzled look and exclaimed: “Soccer balls come in sizes?!”



**Mary Logan at St Monica's Secondary School in Kitale**

When we were walking through the neighborhood, back to our van, I noticed kids from the slum playing a game of soccer. Their ball was made by wrapping dirty plastic bags and leaves around a rock, and tying it all together with twine.

Before my trip to Kenya I visited the Maryknoll Sisters’ Center and happened to have lunch with Sister Noel Doescher who had recently returned to NY after serving in Kenya for almost 30 years. My students in NJ were eager to buy presents for the students I would be meeting so I thought it would be a good idea to ask Sister what would be appropriate... perhaps money for a computer? Art supplies? Books? Soccer balls?

Sister looked at me and smiled. “Pencils would be a wonderful gift and much appreciated” she replied. *Pencils??* I thought *Pencils?* I returned to my school and shared this idea with the student members of my affiliate chapter. “Pencils?” they replied with a complete lack of enthusiasm. “*What kid wants to get a pencil?*” one girl asked. “What could be more BORING than a pencil?” added a boy. “*At least let’s get colored pencils, or large boxes of crayons, or maybe sets of gel pens*” added a third. “Sister said ‘pencils’ just regular pencils, so that is what it should be” I told them.

Targets had pencils on sale that week, ten for one dollar, so we bought 300. The #2 pencils came in pretty colors such as emerald green, or sapphire blue, or bright red, but I could tell from the looks on my students’ faces that this was no one’s idea of a good gift for kids. (I confess I had the same thought myself.)

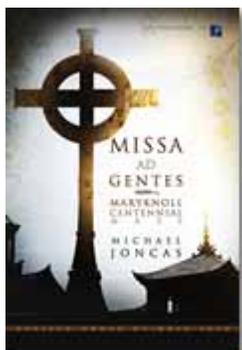
One of the first places we visited was a lay missionaries’ project to help

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## Two Years of Celebration, Reflection and Looking to the Future

by Sam Stanton, Executive Director of MKLM

The Maryknoll Society's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday has spanned practically a full year of celebrations all over the United States and around the world. Almost everywhere that Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers served in mission there was a grand celebration, testimony to a mission legacy developed over this century of mission.



The celebrations were initiated with a retreat on the history of both the Society and Congregation on a snowy January day. The retreat closed with a grand opening liturgical celebration and the presentation of the mass, "Missa Ad Gentes" written by well known composer Michael

Joncas for Maryknoll's centennial. The mass can be ordered on line at <http://www.giamusic.com>.

The other major celebrations were, Founders Day on June 29 at Maryknoll, A Mission Symposium in Chicago cosponsored by Catholic Theological Union (CTU) of Chicago and a mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York celebrated on October 30th. The huge cathedral was almost full despite the early Northeaster that had all area airports closed the day before and prohibited many from attending. Despite the obstacles it was a fantastic celebration. Our congrats to Virginia Burns (Peru '81) and her husband Jose Yantas for coming all the way from San Antonio, TX to join the celebration! You can see the full mass by going to <http://www.youtube.com>.

Across the country many diocesan celebrations took place and many MKLM Returned Missioners were key in carrying them out. Just to mention a few, both the mass at Holy Names Cathedral in Chicago as well as the symposium at CTU were in great part coordinated by Greg Darr (Kenya '92) with the

assistance of Celine Woznica (Nicaragua, Mexico '81) and Anita and Curt Klueg (Kenya '03). Greg is currently the Midwest Development House Director for the Maryknoll Society. Greg also coordinated celebrations in Milwaukee with the help of Patrice Van Hyle (Japan '94) and in Minneapolis and St. Cloud where Dave and Judy Saumweber (Cambodia , Thailand '89), board chair Bill Vos and Mary Orth (Tanzania '76) offered an important hand. Celebrations in Springfield and other cities were also well attended and in St. Louis the Archdiocese honored Maryknoll at their annual mission dinner. At the dinner Fr. Tom Henehan spoke for the Society, Sister Ellen McDonald for the Congregation and Sam Stanton represented the Association. In the Seattle celebration St. James Cathedral was packed. Returned Missioners Janet Quillian (Honduras '85) and John McCoy (Peru '86) were key in the planning and execution of the celebration. The celebration in the cathedral of Fort Worth, TX witnessed the important participation of Jason and Felicia Gehrig (Bolivia '99) and their children as well as Ken Eppes (Peru, US '77).

The symposium in Chicago was a great success during it's two days. Merwyn DeMello (Japan, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and US '94) represented Maryknoll Lay Missioners and gave one of the responses to the keynote address of Maryknoll Father and religious sociologist, Steve Judd. Merwyn's response will be available on the "Always a Missioner" page that will soon be built on the MKLM website. All of these celebrations were planned and carried out in the spirit of celebrating the Maryknoll Family, not just the Society's centennial.

The year of celebrations of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers centennial came to a close on Dec. 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A mass was celebrated that after-

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## Jubilee Celebration of the 1976, 1986 and 1996 Classes



On Thursday, August 4, members of the classes of 1976 and 1986 began to arrive at Bethany. Despite the annual alumni jubilee attendance was less this year than in past years, the joy and enthusiasm was overwhelming. This year was special given we celebrated Liz Mach's 35 years in mission and the 15 years of service of Sami Scott. We also remembered and had in our prayers Heidi Cerneka who celebrated 15 years but was unable to attend.



The activities began on Friday with the MKLM anniversary mass followed by lunch at Bethany with current and former MKLM staff. This year the presence of Mary Anne O'Donnell, co-director of the Maryknoll Lay Mission program in its beginning was a great contribution to our celebration; it re-



mindful of how important and instrumental the Sisters were, as well as the Fathers and Brothers in the creation of the Maryknoll Lay Mission program.

In the afternoon the participants had an information session with Cecilia Espinoza, Always a Missioner manager, followed by a visit to the Maryknoll Sisters. MKLM alum and current member of the Congregation, Sr. Anastasia Lott, coordinated and guided a tour of the center and mission museum. After the tour we enjoyed a nice dinner while MKLM alums were able to re-connect with many friends from the Congregation. In the evening we initiated life-lines with the guidance of our dear Mary D'Arcy.



On Saturday we continued the life-line process and after a tour to the interactive Museum of Living Mission at the seminary, guided by brother Tony Lopez, we had lunch hosted by the Fathers and Brothers, organized by Fr. Ernie Lukaschek and

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Nancy Kleppel. All felt very welcome!



In the afternoon we took the group pictures with the assistance of MKLM alum and director of the Maryknoll Affiliates, Fred Goddard. This was followed by a meeting with the Leadership Team for an update about MKLM's current reality and future plans.



For dinner we had a pot-luck with Returned Missioners and Affiliates from the area, Maryknoll Fathers, Brothers and Sisters. We enjoyed a remembrance of the mission lives of the three classes celebrated followed by a slide show of our 36 years in mission. The evening ended with a lively and fun Gaudeamus animated by the music of Fred Goddard and Fr. Paul Masson. We had a wonderful time!

On Sunday we celebrated a Eucharistic Liturgy presided over by Fr. Bill Vos in the Bethany Chapel.

We celebrated the lives of Liz Mach, Sami Scott and Heidi Cerneka. Liz and Sami renewed their commitment with Maryknoll Lay Missioners by signing the covenant. It was a deep and prayerful moment.



During this special Mass we also recognized two wonderful women Mary D'Arcy and Kathy Wright who have been so central in the formation of so many generations of Maryknoll Lay Missioners. They also celebrated 35 years as part of this organization. We are so grateful for their contribution and presence thru the years. God bless them both!

The reunion weekend continues being a moving experience for all. Hugs and tears of joy are shared throughout the weekend. It was so wonderful to welcome Andrea and Lissa, daughters of Mike and Juls Mueller-Hayes. After Mass we had a magnificent dinner on the Bethany lawn.



## UPDATES: MARYKNOLL COMMUNITY

# MARYKNOLL FUTURING WORKSHOP

Members of the leadership teams of the Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll Fathers and Brother and Maryknoll Lay Missioners along with two additional members of each entity gathered at Regina Maris in Watch Hill to share and look at further collaboration that will help the on-going development of Maryknoll mission beyond the centennial celebrations. The process was facilitated by Anne Litwin and Sharon Bueno, the same team that has worked with the Maryknoll Congregations 18 month process of futuring.

Below please find the letter written by the participants and sent to all membership of the three entities. MKLM leadership, Sam Stanton and Margo Cambier, say building on this initiative will be a priority for them in the coming years.

### Statement of Maryknoll Joint Meeting of Leadership October 28, 2011

Coming together at Watch Hill, R1 (October 11-14, 2011), Association, Congregation and Society leadership met in an atmosphere of mutual respect and support to envision Maryknoll mission into the future. We explored our personal and common values and our unique perceptions and memories of 100 years of shared Maryknoll and world history. We learned from one another of the experiences that formed and sustained us in mission into the present and we looked together at the local and global realities that challenge us today in our communities and ministries as missionaries.

In hope, deep trust in God and in our unique identities within a shared call to mission in Maryknoll we found that:

Together we share a vision of Maryknoll mission in the future that is:

- Sustainable, inclusive, ecological and wholistic;
- Respectful and supportive of each vocation;



- Responsive to present and future global realities;
- Expressive of a commitment to mission that embraces cultural diversity.

Together we will explore some potential ways we could work collaboratively such as:

- Mission teams
- Research and planning for mission
- Training and preparation for mission
- Fundraising
- Use of infrastructures

Together in walking this new path, we will maintain:

- Ongoing relationships with the Church;
- Unique vocational identities;
- Partnerships with others.

This was a positive and life-giving experience. We plan to build on this vision within the Joint Meeting of Leadership, our respective organizations and in open, continued and transparent conversation among all three entities.

United in Christ's Mission,

Sam Stanton - Executive Director  
Maryknoll Association of the Faithful

Janice McLaughlin- President  
Maryknoll Sisters Congregation

Edward Dougherty- Superior General  
Maryknoll Society of Fathers and Brothers

## Special Good-Byes

Maryknoll Lay Missioners wishes to thank the following members who transitioned from contracted membership since May of 2011. We thank you for the wonderful ministry and service you provided in your mission overseas.

We invite you to stay in contact with Maryknoll Lay Missioners and continue being part of our evolving Mission:

*Steve Pohl, '05 Bolivia, Venezuela*

*Tim Morris, '07 El Salvador*

*Bertha Haas, '02 Tanzania*

We appreciate your ongoing support and willingness to help with church dates, recruitment and FAB trips, and other activities that support the mission of Maryknoll Lay Missioners.

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## CURRENT MKLM NEWS



**From left to right/ front to back:**  
Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes (Bolivia), Sirikit Noronha (Brazil), Sr. Isabel de Costa Araujo (Brazil), Donna Stiglmeier (Bolivia); Caitlin Rosser (Tanzania), Carolyn Trumble (Brazil) Maria Montello (Cambodia); David Rosser (Tanzania), Mabel Tan (Tanzania), Sr. Nena Heramil (Bolivia), Sr. Hyun Jung Kim (Brazil); Katie Reid (Tanzania), Dee Dungy (Cambodia); Chris Reid (Tanzania), Rick Dixon and Darren Streff (El Salvador).

## CALENDAR 2012

### MISSION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

April 29 - May 11, 2012

### MOGC JOINT EVENT IN WASHINGTON, DC

May 16 - 17, 2012

### JOINT CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM

September 28 - 30, 2012

### GLOBAL COUNCIL, MISSION ASSEMBLY & BoD MEETING

October 3 - 12, 2012

### ORIENTATION

October 6 - December 15, 2012

### REUNITE, REMINISCE AND RECONNECT

HERE AT BETHANY!

1977, 1987 and 1997

CLASS GATHERING

August 3 - 5, 2012

For more information call Cecilia Espinoza at  
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## CLASS 2011

Congratulations to our 12 new missioners who signed their contracts Dec. 2 to become Maryknoll Lay Missioners. The Covenant Ceremony on Dec. 8, celebrated in the Bethany Chapel, was a beautiful MKLM ritual of mutual commitment.

The Sending Ceremony, on Dec. 10 held at Queen of the Apostles Chapel was a great collaborative mission sending! Twelve lay missioners and four sisters were sent. We are honored that our new missioners have chosen to minister with Maryknoll and we welcome them to their mission communities.

The sending was preceded the night before by the traditional Christmas Chorale Concert in the Society Chapel. A great weekend indeed!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

⇒ Grandpa Joe Regotti and Grandma Jean Walsh ('97 Mexico and US) for the



birth on August 18, 2011 of Brandon Pedraza, son of Hannah and Val. As Joe said *"The mystery of life goes on into the unfolding of another generation..."* **What a wonderful grandparents you are!**



⇒ Also Bernie and Alicia Butkiewicz ('76 & 82, Bolivia) became grandparents for the forth time. Their first grandson was born. **Felicidades a los dos y a los afortunados padres!**

⇒ We also received a note from Alex Zatyryka, SJ ('85 Bolivia) who still remembers the great 2011 jubilee gathering. He shared his new appointment as a Theology professor at the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome. He sent his new contact information. **Congratulations Alex we will visit you!**

⇒ We are always happy to receive greetings from all of you, Bonny Prudhomme ('85 Korea) wrote: *"Today on missionary Sunday, I think of all my friends who have influenced me over the years through your efforts in foreign lands by bringing God to others through your mere presence and love and caring. Today's Sunday readings focused on being aliens in a foreign country, bringing God's message to others, and above all loving God and loving our neighbor!"* **Thank you for being that model to me." Thanks Bonny for touching so many people's lives!**

⇒ Fr. Gene Pocernich ('90 Thailand) shared the good news of his Archdiocese of Milwaukee:

*"Archbishop Lisecki and the Archdiocesan Council of Priests approved resolution, on 20 October 2011, on Immigration Efforts #260-2011-09. We are thus now in process of implementing it, as we prepare our people for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas, ending with the Solemnity of Epiphany, which, in 2012, is the beginning of National Migration Week"* **Thanks Gene. We know this is part of your effort to build a more just and compassionate world!**

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provide education for orphans. Mary Oldham, the lay missionary in Mombasa, had arranged for groups of her students to teach us Swahili and we all had great fun learning our phrases then putting on skits with the children. They laughed with delight as we forgot our lines and had trouble remembering our Swahili words. Afterwards we had lunch with the children.

As we were preparing to leave we gave a pencil to each child as a gift to thank him/her for spending time with us. I chose an emerald green one to give to Stella, the girl who had been my teacher. When she saw the pencil, she exclaimed in delight: "What a beautiful pencil! Asante, asante sana (thank you very much)." She was so delighted with her ten cent pencil. As the students crossed the courtyard to return to their classrooms I saw each one proudly holding his or her pencil, showing them to each other and exclaiming at their newness, the colors and the erasers.

Sitting in our van and our way back to our hotel I quietly reflected on the gift of the pencil. In my school, pencils get accidentally dropped on the floor and left there, occasionally they are swept up with the trash, and just simply taken for granted.

What did Stella see in that green pencil? She saw a beautiful gift, a wonderful tool, an object of pride. Did she think of the homework she could write with it to show her teacher what she learned? Did she imagine pictures she could draw with it? Perhaps a poem she could write? Or perhaps she would keep it unsharpened, ever new, as a reminder of a wonderful day when she and her young friends were teachers of American grown-ups who obviously had a lot to learn.

### Share your Mission Experience!

Could you help MKLM by sharing your mission story and time as a guide for a FAB trip? Please contact Cecilia Espinoza at **914-762-6364 ext. 207** or write to **friendsacrossborders@mklm.org** to learn more.

## FORMER MKLM STAFF

# JOELLEN McCARTHY, celebrates Golden Jubilee!

Sister Joellen McCarthy, BVM celebrated 50 years of religious life in 2011. The main celebration took place at the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, BVMs in Dubuque, IA in July.

Joellen served on the Maryknoll Lay Missioner orientation team from 1992 through 1995 when she was elected to leadership of her congregation. She also served as a facilitator at the founding assembly of the Maryknoll Mission Association held in July and August of 1994. Later on she was a member of the MKLM Advisory Board.

Joellen has remained a faithful friend of laity in mission and Maryknoll Lay Missioners. Many of you who were privileged to have Joellen as orientation facilitator I am sure have fond memories of Joellen. If you would like to send Joellen a note of congratulations please write to [joellenmccarthy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joellenmccarthy@sbcglobal.net).

*Let's wish Joellen our best!*



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noon and after the liturgy the procession cross that holds the relics of the three founders, Bro. Thomas McCann as well as those of our own Joe Honerkamp (Bolivia '75) lead the procession. It was carried first by Superior General Ed Dougherty, MM and then handed to Congregation President Sister Janice McLaughlin, MM. The procession passed by St. Teresa's and then on to the Sister's Motherhouse where the cross was placed in their chapel to mark the beginning of the centennial of the Congregation. Guadalupe was a "bridging" day between the two centennials. The official opening of the Congregation's centennial will take place on Epiphany Sunday, January 8th with a liturgy at 2:30 p.m. in the main chapel of the Motherhouse. Archbishop Timothy Dolan will preside.



In the next issue you can look forward to news on the celebrations of the Congregation's Centennial that will take place throughout 2012.

## MOGC

# Maryknoll on the Hill May 16 - 17, 2012



## Join us for this special event to celebrate 100 years of Maryknoll!

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns (MOGC) invites all former and current Maryknoll missioners, staff and Affiliates to come to Washington, D.C. next spring -- we will engage with policymakers and colleagues, and we will honor Maryknoll's 100 years of service and advocacy. We'll also take time to look forward and envision Maryknoll's future efforts for justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

**Wednesday evening, May 16:** Opening Mass, dinner and briefing.

**Thursday, May 17:** Individual or small group visits to Congressional offices, the State Department and the White House, followed by an evening reception with members of Congress, administration representatives, and other dignitaries and colleagues.

**REGISTER TODAY:** <http://www.maryknollogc.org/register>.

Check our website for information about housing options:

[http://www.maryknollogc.org/May\\_2012\\_Centennial\\_celebration.html#housing](http://www.maryknollogc.org/May_2012_Centennial_celebration.html#housing).

We look forward to seeing you in May 2012!

**Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns: call 202-832-1780 or email [ogc@maryknoll.org](mailto:ogc@maryknoll.org).**

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Larry Rich ('80 Peru), Susan Weissert ('87 Peru) and Barbara Smith, a long-time friend of Judy Ress ('90 Chile) blessed Judy for her 20 years in mission.



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