



ALWAYS A MISSIONER
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A newsletter prepared especially
for returned Maryknoll Lay Missioners

Blessings to you during this Holy Season of Advent! I pray that this is a time for reflect on, and celebrate, the coming of Christ in our midst. Thank you for all you do to bring to life Jesus' commitment to love, compassion and justice.

"I Have Called You Friends" New Missioners Sent Forth!

On Saturday, December 8th, MKLM commissioned five new missioners to live and work with the poor in Africa and Latin America. Meagan Doty was called forth to Kenya; Larry Parr and Tim Morris were called to serve in El Salvador; and Kate and Dennis Callahan, along with their sons Ben and Noah, were commissioned to the Andean region of Peru/Bolivia. This year's ceremony was held at the Maryknoll Sisters. Three sisters were sent forth—Sr. Anastasia Lee to Kenya, Sr. Julia Shideler to Timor-Leste and Sr. Sarah Male to Central Pacific.

The new missioners selected a Gospel reading from John (15:15-16) to reflect this profound step in their commitment to serve the poor: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Please keep the lay missioners and sisters in your prayers as they travel to their mission sites over the coming weeks.

AlwaysAMissioner Website

Have you tried it yet? We announced the re-launch of the newly redesigned and updated website in the Always A Missioner print newsletter that you received in November. Here's how it works... the address is the same it has always been: www.alwaysamissioner.org That will bring you to a login page.

Once in, you will find lots of information about the on-going life of MKLM, as well as access contact information for current missioners and returned missioners. In addition, you can submit announcements-- send in stories about your new baby, the college graduate, whatever you would like to share. You can also submit prayer requests. Have fun visiting the site and tell us what you think.

Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns 2008 Election Project

In 2008, the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns (MOGC) will focus on U.S. elections through the lens of its campaign, "Loving our Neighbor in a Shrinking World," with the intent to make visible the global impact of U.S. political decisions. Throughout the year, the MOGC will work to inform parishes, families, friends and neighbors on the call to exercise the right to vote which, by doing so, will help our country advance the common worldwide desire for peace, genuine security and human dignity. Check the website for insightful, nonpartisan materials, upcoming forums and suggestions for mutual engagement. <http://www.maryknollogc.org/2008elections/index.htm>

As the leadership of the three Maryknoll entities wrote in its September 2007 statement on the elections, "Let us challenge presidential and congressional candidates to make explicit their commitment to the global common good. Let us scrutinize the candidates' policy proposals through

the lens of those who, both in the U.S. and overseas, are affected by poverty, war, human rights violations, trade policies and ecological destruction. Let us offer the experience of overseas mission and the light of Roman Catholic social teaching to help voters seek in platforms, speeches and policy proposals those values that matter most for the enhancement of life in our shrinking world."

Job & Study Opportunities

*The Network for Peace through Dialogue is a small non-profit organization based in NYC which was incorporated in 1990. It is dedicated toward promoting dialogue, a necessary step in bringing about a peaceful society. It seeks a half-time Program Director to manage three of its dialogue programs beginning early in 2008. In addition they are looking for a person to work five hours a week managing their website. For further information contact Kathleen Kanet at kkanet@networkforpeace.com or www.networkforpeace.com

*St. Mary's University in Winona, MN is offering a special fellowship for college graduates who wish to pursue a teaching career in Catholic schools. The Remick Fellowship provides for all tuition, fees, room and board and a monthly stipend. Recipients will complete licensure requirements and the requirements for the Master of Arts in Instruction. In return, the Fellow commits to two years of service in a Nativity Miguel school. These schools are designed to provide quality education to low-income students in impoverished communities. Contact: Kathleen Flanagan, Director Remick Fellowship Program, 507-452-4430, kflanaga@smunn.edu

*Villanova University in Pennsylvania is offering a Campus Ministry Internship. The program offers the intern the opportunity to complete a Master's Degree in the area of their choice while living in a residence hall and ministering for 25 hours per week. The program covers room, board, tuition and stipend. For more info contact: www.campusministry.villanova.edu

My Transition - Gratitude and Staying Connected!

I will be joining you as a "returned missionary" later this month. I was offered a part-time job here in Ossining at my local parish. The opportunity responds to my interest of sharing faith with little people and the part-time really responds to my personal and family reality. I will finish here at MKLM on Dec. 19th and start with my new work the first week of January.

I am extremely grateful for my ten years of service with MKLM. I have been blessed to work in Oaxaca, Mexico as well as back here on the anti-racism task force and with you all—our returned missionary community. It has been an honor to serve as your contact person. It has been great to meet many of you and speak with others of you on the phone—the way you continue to live your lives is a great inspiration to me. I will miss being in contact with you but hope to stay connected through www.alwaysamissioner.org (where you can find my new e-mail!) or at an occasional reunion. Count on my continued prayers and I humbly ask for yours.... especially during this time of transition.

My position has not yet been filled, until that time please send any changes of contact information (address, phone, e-mail, etc.) to Jean Casadone at jcasadone@mklm.org 914-762-6364 ext. 223.

God Bless! Have a most Holy Advent and Blessed Christmas! In gratitude, Jean.