

# Walking Together into the Future

**2023 Annual Report** 



### Our Foundress



# Message from the President

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

At the Maryknoll Sisters Center, we are walking together into our future and we invite all our friends and benefactors to join us on the journey. We embrace the changes that life is bringing on all levels, and engage a process of transformation as we seek to do God's mission in a changing world. We contracted with Mr. Ted Dunn to facilitate our Inter-Assembly Conference in April 2024, bringing his understanding and processes of transformation to our work. In December, we engaged the congregation in a pre-Assembly process to prepare for the conference.

We began the year with a visioning process in Monrovia, CA, engaging 15 Sisters to a create a plan to align our presence and property to reflect our mission foci: Healing the Earth, Healing Human Relationships, and Welcoming the Stranger. We envisioned a collaborative, holistic center that will engage local and global communities in these efforts. We have hired a consultant to help us transform the buildings and land to support the vision. We are laying the groundwork to create something new.

At Maryknoll, we experienced the joys and heartache that make up life. Even as our numbers diminish, we renew our mission every day. The new Mission Presence which was formed in 2022 continued their discernment for mission placement. On May 1, four of the seven Sisters left for a new mission in Chad, two Sisters remained in Monrovia, CA, and one Sister was needed on Family Ministry. Tragically, one Sister died in Chad after a fall. One Sister discerned that Chad was not a healthy choice and transferred back to New York. Today, three Sisters are actively engaged in ministries with the people of Chad.

None of these endeavors are possible without the accompaniment of our friends and benefactors. You are included in our prayers daily, and we are grateful for your presence on the journey. Let's walk together into the future.



With deep gratitude,

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Sister Teresa Hougnon



# Message from the Director

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the same sense of purpose and fulfillment that we carry with us each day in our mission. As we reflect on the year behind us, I write to you today with deep gratitude, sharing our 2023 Annual Report: Walking Together into the Future.

This past year has been a busy one, filled with moments of hard work, joy, and profound impact. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated successes, always keeping our shared mission at the forefront. I am particularly grateful for the moments when we could come together as a community, most notably our 2023 Fall Festival and Charity Concert. It brings us joy to be able to share these events with you.

Your generosity continues to astound me. Through your unwavering support, prayers, and friendship, you have proven to be a true partner in mission. The impact of your contributions is far-reaching, touching the lives of those who might otherwise have no chance at a better future. Because of you, we are making a tangible difference, and for that, we cannot thank you enough.

As we walk together into the future, please know how deeply appreciated you are. We look forward to continuing this journey with you, confident that, together, we will create even more opportunities for those less fortunate.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your kindness, your generosity, and for standing with us every step of the way.



With gratitude and warm regards,

Leslie Mancuso, Development Director

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Across the next few pages, we'll shine a spotlight on some of the missions impacted by the power of your faith and generosity. Join us in revisiting 2023, a year of blessed impact.

### **Making God's Love Visible in Health Care**

Sister Hyun Jung Kim, MM −East Timor

T imor-Leste (East Timor) is an island nation near Australia that gained its independence from Indonesia in 2002, following a long and bitter war. The small country is impoverished, with little access to health care for most people.

"Several volunteers have been trained to assist as CBR (community-based rehabilitation) motivators. They can offer health tips, treat minor problems and help stabilize patients until the clinic can intervene."

Since 2014, Sister Hyun Jung has operated a community-based health clinic called *Uma Ita Nian* ("Our Home").

The caregivers at the clinic see walk-in patients and also provide care to people in their homes. A mobile clinic program even extends help out to remote, hard-to-reach villages where this care can mean the difference between life and death. *Uma Ita Nian* also offers special education programs and rehab workshops for those in recovery.

There are a great many people in need of the clinic's services. Several volunteers have been trained to assist as CBR (community-based rehabilitation) motivators. They can offer health tips, treat minor problems and help stabilize patients until the clinic can intervene.



"One of our clients gave birth to a baby girl," Sister Hyun Jung tells us. "The baby, named Augustina, was tiny—only 4 lbs.—but healthy, thank God! I am always excited to see her and curious to see how she is growing. I call Augustina 'God's grace.' She is now in kindergarten, and is the closest friend and a good helper to her disabled mother. I believe that Augustina, a bright girl, is God's blessing for her mom."



Left: Sister Hyun Jung holding baby Augustina, "God's grace." Right: Augustina at age 5.



### **Making God's Love Visible in Care for Humanity**

Sister Maggie Sierra, MM—Texas

Many people arrive in Texas from Latin America in search of better lives. In El Paso, they may be fortunate enough to meet Sister Maggie.

Sister Maggie, who lost her own father as a young child, works especially among children who are orphaned or whose parents are not present. "At the border one can see the pain in the children's eyes and faces,"



This painting was done by a 4-year-old as a gift for Sr. Maggie, who was helping her with art therapy.

she says. "Their sadness and their joy."

Sister Maggie uses art therapy, puppets and origami (artistic paper folding) in her work among the children. She also teaches English to some of the children and adults who arrive in El Paso.

"I want to share about a 14-year-old young woman, whom I will call K., who speaks Spanish as her first language," Sister Maggie

"K. is teaching me about courage. She is independent and a little stubborn. The last two things she has in common with most Maryknoll Sisters—it helps K. fight for her life and helps Sisters stay in our missions all over the world."



says. "A year ago K. was diagnosed with leukemia and came here for treatment. She receives art therapy at the hospital, and has done many art pieces.

"A few weeks ago I received a call from Cynthia, K.'s mother, asking if I would teach both K. and her English. Cynthia makes a living cleaning houses. K. is teaching me about courage. She is independent and a little stubborn. The last two things she has in common with most Maryknoll Sisters—it helps K. fight for her life and helps Sisters stay in our missions all over the world. I feel blessed and humbled to be in the presence of this inspiring and courageous young woman. She is one of the bright stars in my life."



Sr. Maggie uses puppets and origami art to connect with the children she works with... and the adults, too.



### **Making God's Love Visible in Education**

Sisters Norma Pocasangre, MM, Ngoc-Hà Pham, MM, and Maggie Mkenda, MM—Chad

More than a century after our founding, the Maryknoll Sisters are still sending missionary Sisters to new areas, working to make God's Love Visible in places we have not visited before. Most recently, that has included the North African nation of Chad.

A group of four Sisters arrived in Chad in the spring of 2023. Sadly one of them, Sister Lourdes Fernandez, passed away and another, Sister Claudette LaVerdiere, had to return due to health reasons. Sisters Norma and Hà remained, joined by Sister Maggie.

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have not visited before."



Sister Lourdes Fernandez was loved and mourned throughout the world. She was buried in Moundou.

After a period of discerning the areas of greatest need, the Sisters have settled on their initial areas of ministry. Sister Hà has started a mental health program at the local Catholic hospital, helping women who are challenged by their domestic and family situations. As an experienced nurse, she also assists the hospital in



other areas. The lack of medications, equipment and resources are always an issue.

Sister Norma has a pastoral counseling ministry at the university. Hoping to make counseling available for any student in need, she has worked to learn two of the most commonly used local languages: French and Ngambay.

Sister Maggie is the newest arrival, bringing her social work background and knowledge of the Swahili language to assist Sisters Hà and Norma in this very challenging new mission.

Sisters Norma Pocasangre, MM (kneeling), Ngoc-Hà Pham, MM (left), and Maggie Mkenda, MM (wearing pink shirt).





### **Making God's Love Visible for the Environment**

Sister Dee Smith, MM—Guatemala



Sister Dee serves some of the residents of St. Mary's Hospice.

ror 30 years, Sister Dee has ministered to AIDS and HIV+ patients in the Central American nation of Guatemala. She is the co-founder of St. Mary's Hospice, which provides end-of-life care to patients who have no one else to care for them, and which also works to help HIV+ people live as long and healthy lives as possible.

"One of our most important roles in the hospice is making sure that all the residents receive a wellbalanced, nourishing diet," Sister Dee says. "That means utilizing as much as possible all the organically grown products we cultivate and harvest on our adjoining half-acre plot of land."

"The goal is to enable 180 families in the area to become nutritionally self-sufficient by maintaining their own garden plots."



The farm includes vegetable crops, fruit-bearing trees and egglaying chickens who also provide natural fertilizer. The farm is managed naturally and responsibly, with no use of harmful synthetic chemicals. Like many countries in the developing

world, Guatemala has been harmed over the centuries by exploitative farming practices that emphasized quick production over sustainability.

Sister Dee says, "We launched a family garden project for 60 families and have had success with this initiative. However, lacking funds to continue has limited our ability to help many more families." The goal is to enable 180 families in the area to become nutritionally selfsufficient by maintaining their own garden plots. They can also earn an income by selling their produce.



Sr. Dee delivers baby chicks to local farming families.



and prayer!

### Sisters in Their Own Words

### Sister Theresa Baldini, MM

Q: Why did you become a Maryknoll Sister?

Experiencing the call to be a Maryknoll Sister is one of the greatest blessings in my life! Although I was enjoying being with good friends from school and from my parish, I felt God was calling me to something MORE. We received the Maryknoll Magazine in my home and it opened a larger world for me. Jesus' words also touched me where he said to his disciples: "This is my body and I am giving it to you." These words influenced me and I sensed a CALL to give myself to God, as a gift, into the hands of the Maryknoll Sisters, and to be used for the wellbeing of humanity and all of creation in accompanying others in mission



Being in our Maryknoll Sisters Community, with enriching relationships from all nationalities and cultures, is stretching my humanity and enables me to be bigger than myself. Within community the "I" becomes a "We," in communion with all others! This shared consciousness unites us in our ministries with all people, mutually sharing the heartbeat of God.

Being part of the Contemplative Community within Maryknoll brought new blessings in my life, especially:

- Being part of a Prayer Presence among the Navajo people in New Mexico for 14 years. The Navajo among whom we were living at that time had no running water or electricity. We had a well where we lived, and it was shared with more than 40 families who came daily for water. Many also came to share prayer with us in our 'hogan' chapel, sharing mutually our "thirst" for God and praying for the well-being of humanity.
- And also beginning a Prayer Presence in South Sudan, which was a war zone. We were daily blessed in seeing the face of God in the people around us—the displaced, the many handicapped who had lost arms and legs because of the lethal shrapnel from the bombings.

We met in the people the God who is continually healing wounds of despair and giving hope to the people... We learned through the suffering of the people that a salient part of being human is to try to see that no one suffers alone, that no pain goes unnoticed, and that no pain is without meaning.

#### Q: What does One Earth Community mean to you?

One Earth Community means to me that we are all part of ONE Family of God! We belong to each other, discovering that the cosmic web of life interconnects all of the Earth's people and creation. This calls us especially to be in communion with ALL people, no matter what their leanings or personalities may be; learning to stay in the conversation long enough to reverence our differences and being enriched by the diversity among us. Even though we cannot condone unjust behavior, we still believe that ALL people are in the Heart of God! In any moment that may seem unendurable, God is present within us, and the unendurable can be the beginning of a curve that leads to a deeper love, that far surpasses what we have yet experienced! We need the positive and conflictive energy for transformation! Only quiet moments of prayer, no matter how little the time, can bless us with this equilibrium, and honor the beauty of God's One Earth Community!

### Sister Analyn Manauis, MM

Q: Why did you become a Maryknoll Sister?

When I was in high school, I already knew I wanted to become a missionary. I was in an environment where missionary nuns and priests were our educators who instilled in us the gospel values. When the time came for me to make that major leap of faith to enter a missionary life, Maryknoll's charism stood out. I was inspired by the zeal and the passion of the Sisters for God's mission. The Maryknoll Sisters I came to know in Baguio, Philippines truly embraced the faith, the culture, and the way of life of the local people. I saw the depth of their commitment for the poor and the marginalized, and the healing of Mother Earth. I desired to also add my own droplet into this ocean of endeavors that champion the cause of those on the periphery. I hope to be a lifegiving witness to Jesus' compassionate love and peace, and to work for unity in a world so broken with many injustices.



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#### Q: What do you love most about being a Maryknoll Sister?

Being a Maryknoll Sister is truly a blessing. I continue to be enriched by the many encounters and interactions I have with diverse people and cultures. As a Maryknoller, I love being in the mission area, living and sharing life among the poor. It is very humbling to truly journey with and among many less privileged peoples and learn from them. Being a Maryknoll Sister gives me a multitude of opportunities, no matter how small, to make God's love experienced. I am happiest when I am with the poor, knowing that it gives them hope when they feel loved and supported.

#### Q: What does One Earth Community mean to you?

One Earth Community is who we are, all interconnected and interdependent creatures. We all came from the same and one Source of Being, God the Creator of All. We belong to the whole. We are all brothers and sisters. Therefore, we are responsible for a new world of wholeness where no one is excluded, and where Mother Earth is not exploited for the benefit of the privileged few.

### Q: How has your transition been from a mission in Peru to the Chi-Rho Coordinator here at Maryknoll?

Responding to the invitation to be the Chi-Rho Coordinator has been a challenge, a very difficult decision to make. It was a soulwrestling with matters of where my service is more needed. I loved my ministry in Peru but deep within, I feel I couldn't turn my back on our elder Sisters. I have great respect of what these retired Sisters have accomplished in helping and empowering the people of God. They deserve to be loved, cared for, and feel they are valued. I am very clear that I have a mission to be with our Chi-Rho Sisters, accompanying them as they wind up lives well-lived in service of others. And, I am buoyed by their love, support and encouragement.

#### Sister Joanne Doi, MM

#### Q: Why did you become a Maryknoll Sister?

In 1980, while on an immersion trip for campus ministers, I was in Tlamacazapa, a rural village on the outskirts of Cuernavaca, Mexico. A partially blind, 6-year-old indigenous boy named Magdaleno literally



revealed the path for my life. He took my hand and excitedly led me on the uneven hilly path that he could barely see, yet his feet intimately knew, his *tierra*.

This was a Christ encounter for me. His suffering, tenacious spirit and earth-body wisdom awakened my love for indigenous peoples. It showed me the path for my life that would eventually lead to the southern Andes of Peru, as a Maryknoll Sister among the Aymara people.

In December of the same year, the four martyred church women's witness brought me specifically to the Maryknoll Sisters through the beauty and hope of their self-gift to the people of El Salvador.

#### Q: What do you love most about being a Maryknoll Sister?

The transformation to a worldwide heart is still what I love most about being a Maryknoll Sister—to love the earth and all her peoples, in our beauty and diversity.

#### Q: What does One Earth Community mean to you?

The Aymara indigenous world view and "One Earth Community" share deep resonances and earth wisdom—the interrelatedness of everything for a holistic sacred, abundant life shared by all living beings.

#### Q: What are you currently doing on mission?

I am presently transitioning from teaching at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where I especially enjoyed the Praxis for Intercultural Transformation course. It included an immersion among the Lakota people in the Pine Ridge and Rose Bud reservations in South Dakota. Their expression of *Mitakuye Oyas'in*—"All my Relatives"—includes two-legged, four-legged, winged creatures, insects and plant diversity, stones and the earth herself.

I am transitioning to our E.A.R.T.H. Commons collaborative team on our Maryknoll Sisters Monrovia, California land. Our goal is to help realize a Commons for Earth Arts Restorative Transformative Healing, a sacred place for healing the earth, healing ourselves, and welcoming the stranger. Like Magdaleno, strangers become friends who have much to teach us in celebrating deep faith and resilience.



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### Reflections from Our Partners in Mission



Barbara and Dennis Smith with students at the Emusoi Center.

#### Barbara and Dennis Smith

My husband, Dennis, and I have been supporters of the Maryknoll Sisters for over 25 years. One of our daughters traveled to Tanzania when she was in high school. She was struck by the joy of the people, especially the children, in spite of their difficult lives. We learned about Emusoi's mission of educating girls in Tanzania to prepare them for high school and college, giving them an opportunity to learn, grow and reach their potential as young women, as opposed to being married by their fathers in exchange for sheep and goats. We have been following the progress of the Emusoi girls ever since through monthly letters from Sister Mary.

In 2019 we were able to visit Emusoi and were deeply moved by the life learning and academic experiences the Maryknoll Sisters and staff offered the girls. The dedication of the Sisters and staff and the enthusiasm of the students were evident in everything from their classroom participation to their artwork and singing. Smiles radiated everywhere. The learning opportunities offered were clearly life-changing and empowering. Many of the girls had never experienced electricity before coming to Emusoi, as their lives are nomadic.

We were humbled and challenged by our experience. We have immense material wealth in the U.S. Their wealth is of the spirit. Emusoi is a Maasai word meaning discovery. The Emusoi Center is truly well named!



Lori Singer with Sister Rosalie Lacorte, MM.

#### Lori Singer

It is with great honor that I am writing this account of why I love and support the Maryknoll Sisters. My grandfather donated to Maryknoll years ago, so it started with his devotion within my family.

When I was in college, I met and became friends with someone who lived near Ossining, NY. I went to mass at a church near her house on a weekend trip to visit her, and in seeing a flyer for Maryknoll, I gave a donation. Some years later, I learned more about the Maryknoll Sisters, and I fell in love with their mission, passion and work to help so many in need. After meeting Sister Rosalie and some of the

other Sisters in New York, I was so impressed and admired their selfless lives of service and sacrifice.

The Maryknoll community continues to be an inspiration to me and to so many people, and it is a privilege to know these amazing women.

### Alumni Reflections



Sisters Joanna Chan and Teresa Leung with members of the Maryknoll Alumnae Association of New York.

As former students of Maryknoll Convent School and Maryknoll Sisters School in Hong Kong, we are indebted to the Maryknoll Sisters for educating us and instilling in us deep moral and spiritual values. With their retirement came the return of our former teachers to the Maryknoll Sisters Center in New York, where some members of our association have been making regular visits. Spending time with the retired Sisters in their residential care facility and getting to know them on a more personal level has been enlightening. It has given us an appreciation for what their mission, both in the U.S. and across the globe, has meant and continues to mean to us and to all whose lives they have touched.

We were saddened by the recent passings of Sister Jeanne Houlihan, the last Maryknoll Sister to serve as principal of Maryknoll Convent School, and of Sister Ann Carol Brielmaier, the last principal of Maryknoll Sisters School, but we were grateful that some of us were able to spend time with them in their final days.

As alumnae living closest to the Sisters Center, we will continue to support the Sisters by visiting them, serving as liaison between the Maryknoll Sisters Center and alumnae of the Maryknoll schools in Hong Kong.

Maryknoll Alumnae Association of New York





### **PLANNED AND LEGACY GIVING**

Many of our supporters are looking for ways to make a major, impactful gift to Maryknoll Sisters ministries. We want to make sure that this can be done without causing financial hardship for the donor...and in some cases, even providing benefits.

Below, we present some options for giving that you may wish to consider.

#### **DONOR ADVISED FUND**

A Donor Advised Fund is an account that is created and managed for the purpose of making charitable contributions. A charitable income tax deduction is allowed when the fund is established and additional gifts to the fund are made. Charitable gifts are made to qualified charitable organizations as directed by the donor.

#### GIVING FROM AN IRA

Tax laws allow a person at least 70 ½ years of age to make charitable gifts up to \$100,000 from their IRA account. There is no income tax due when

making this type of gift. There is no additional charitable tax deduction.

#### A GIFT OF STOCKS

Using long-term (held longer than one year) appreciated stocks is the most economical way to give. A donor is entitled to a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the securities up to 30% of the adjusted gross income. Excess deductions can be carried forward up to five additional tax years. You also avoid paying any capital gains tax on the appreciation. Please go to our website for additional information.

#### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Many of our donors are continually searching for new methods of planned giving. A charitable gift annuity with Maryknoll Sisters becomes an attractive way to fund a gift. A charitable gift annuity can provide economic benefits to the donor and in turn will help ensure the mission of the Maryknoll Sisters.

A charitable gift annuity is an irrevocable contract between you and the Maryknoll Sisters. You transfer cash or other assets, such as securities, to us in exchange for guaranteed regular payments for life. The amount of each payment is determined by your age when the annuity is initially funded. (Refer to our website for gift annuity rates.) Married couples often choose to have two annuitants so both will enjoy payments for life. There is no limit to the number of annuities you can fund.

#### CRYPTOCURRENCY

Maryknoll Sisters have partnered with TheGivingBlock.com to ensure your safety, security and convenience. Donating a noncash asset like cryptocurrency is one of the most tax-efficient ways to support the important mission of the Maryknoll Sisters. Similarly to donating stocks, the simple process of donating in cryptocurrencies is beneficial to you and the Sisters! The gift is tax deductible at the full market value, but you owe no taxes on the assets you donate. We accept donations in Bitcoin, Ethereum, and over 80 additional leading cryptocurrencies. Please visit maryknollsisters. org/cryptocurrency for more information.

#### A BEQUEST OR LIVING TRUST

A bequest is a gift made through your will which takes effect at the time of your death. You can make

a bequest to the Maryknoll Sisters in the form of a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder which represents the balance of your estate after all of the other bequests have been satisfied.

A revocable living trust is created during one's life. Legal title of the assets is transferred to a trustee to manage the assets until the trust is terminated. This usually occurs at the death of the grantor (person creating the trust). When the trust terminates, the named beneficiaries receive their distributions. Using a revocable trust gives a person flexibility in estate planning and trust assets are not subject to probate.

#### OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

#### **MAKE A DONATION**

Your donation today will help our Sisters who serve poor, oppressed and marginalized people in 19 places around the world. Every gift, regardless of size, is appreciated and makes a difference!

#### **BECOME A PARTNER** IN MISSION

You can specify an amount to be charged each month to your credit card or withdrawn from your bank account. This way, you



can make a more impactful gift over time instead of a lump-sum gift. To arrange this, visit our website at maryknollsisters.org. You may cancel or change your gift at any time by contacting us.

#### VISIT OUR ONLINE GIFT SHOP

All proceeds from our gift shop sales will benefit our mission work here and around the world. We have custom Maryknoll merchandise: mugs, tote bags, t-shirts, tumblers and so much more! Books written by the Sisters are also available! To place an order, go online to: maryknollsisters.org/shop or call 914-941-7575 ext. 5707.

#### **ENROLLMENT CARDS**

Your offerings help support the ministry, education, mission and care of Maryknoll Sisters around the world. As a Friend of the Maryknoll Sisters, you and those you enroll are partners in our spiritual community, and are remembered in these special ways:

- In Eucharistic celebrations at our Center and in missions worldwide
- In the prayer ministry of our infirm and elderly Sisters
- In the Sisters' daily prayers and good works
- At an annual Mass in honor of Friends and Benefactors

#### **BUY A BRICK**

The Maryknoll Sisters Path to Mission project is to recognize our donors, whose support has made our mission work possible. The Path is meant to provide a place for prayer, meditation, reflection, healing and thanksgiving.

To buy a brick, go online to maryknollsisters.org/supportus/brick-campaign or call 914-941-7575 ext. 5707.



# 100 Years of Wisdom

These are the Sisters who turned 100 years old or older during 2023!



Sister Marian Teresa Dury, MM *Aged* 102



Sister Lilla Marie Hull, MM *Aged* 103



Sister Rita Kane, MM *Aged* 102



Sister Rose Andree Krieger, MM *Aged* 100



Sister Betty Ann Maheu, MM Aged 100



Sister Helen Werner, MM Aged 103



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### 2023 Jubilarians

These Sisters celebrated landmark anniversaries of entering Maryknoll in 2023. All of them were honored with a celebration on February 12, 2023.

### 85 Years Entrance Year 1938



Sister Helen Werner, MM

#### 80 Years

#### Entrance Year 1943



Sister Anne Carol Brielmaier, MM (Died June 4, 2024)



Sister Cecelia LeBlanc, MM



Sister Anne Sullivan, MM

### 70 Years

#### Entrance Year 1953



Sister Helen



Sister Marian



Sister Grace Corde Sister Mary Anne Carpenter, MM Teresa Dury, MM Myerjack, MM O'Donnell, MM



Sister Joan Toohig, MM

75 Years

### Entrance Year 1948



Sister Mary Boyce, MM



Sister Anne Correale, MM



Sister Mary Ann Duffy, MM



Sister Mary Grace Krieger, MM



Sister Rose Andree Krieger, MM

# Entrance Year 1963

**60 Years** 



Sister Margaret Dillon, MM



Sister Elizabeth Erbland, MM



Sister Marie Jane Heckathorn, MM



Sister Doreen Longres, MM



Sister Kathleen Magee, MM



Sister Theresa Lisak, MM



Sister Maureen Mitten, MM



Sister Miriam Frances Perlewitz. MM



Sister Marie Rosso, MM



Sister Elizabeth Salmon, MM



Sister Kathleen Reiley, MM



Sister Veronica Schweyen, MM



Sister Paulette Yeung, MM



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# In Memory

Our dearly departed Sisters who went home to heaven in 2023 after lives of faithful service.





**Sister Joanne Bastien, MM**Died 3 January 2023, age 91

70 Years a Sister



Sister Patricia O'Mera, MM Died 13 January 2023, age 95 75 Years a Sister



Sister Marie F. Crowley, MM Died 30 January 2023, age 95 67 Years a Sister



Tsuruda, MM
Died 5 April 2023,
age 98
75 Years a Sister



Sister Marie May, MM Died 6 April 2023, age 94 73 Years a Sister



Sister Ruth Greble, MM Died 9 April 2023, age 101 74 Years a Sister



Sister Laura Magallanes, MM Died 13 April 2023, age 95 75 Years a Sister



Sister Anne Karen Brannick, MM Died 19 April 2023, age 101 80 Years a Sister



Sister Marilyn Snediker, MM Died 25 April 2023, age 94 59 Years a Sister



Sister Meg Gallagher, MM Died 9 February 2023, age 100 80 Years a Sister



Sister Maureen Corr, MM Died 24 February 2023, age 90 64 Years a Sister



**Sister Ruth Marie**O'Donnell, MM
Died 25 February
2023, age 95
72 Years a Sister



Sister Lourdes Fernandez, MM Died 7 July 2023, age 80 56 Years a Sister



Sister Carol Hassey, MM Died 13 July 2023, age 93 67 Years a Sister



Sister Dolores Ritter, MM Died 14 July 2023, age 94 71 Years a Sister



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Sister Mary Louise Higa, MM Died 24 July 2023, age 96 82 Years a Sister



Sister Ann Teresa Kamachi, MM Died 24 July 2023, age 101 80 Years a Sister



Sister Sophia Aihara, MM Died 3 August 2023, age 97 69 Years a Sister



Sister Marie Lynch, MM Died 6 August 2023, age 87 64 Years a Sister



Sister Georgina Gamarra, MM Died 8 August 2023, age 90 67 Years a Sister



Sister Mary Reese, MM Died 17 August 2023, age 100 77 Years a Sister



Sister Virgeen Healey, MM Died 5 November 2023, age 99 79 Years a Sister

"We rejoice with them in the new life they now enjoy. They now know, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love that surpasses all knowledge."

### Charity Concert & Fall Festival









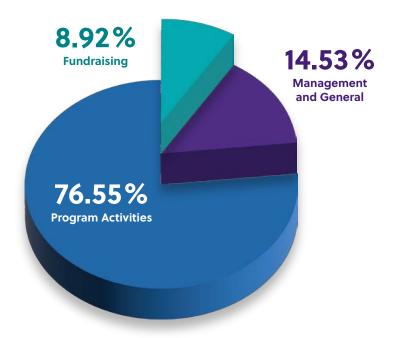






# 2023 Financial Report

Maryknoll Sisters currently serve in missions in 19 locations around the world, while others live in retirement after decades of service. Funds raised go toward supporting the missions and the retired Sisters.



TOTAL	\$23,963,919	100%
FUNDRAISING	\$2,137,874	8.92%
MANAGEMENT/GENERAL	\$3,481,545	14.53%
PROGRAM ACTIVITIES	\$18,344,500	76.55%

The Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc. is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the State of New York.

A copy of the complete financial statements audited by Berard and Associates is available at the Maryknoll Sisters Center at Maryknoll, New York.

# A Prayer for Our Benefactors

by Sister Antoinette Gutzler, MM

God of all hearts. we pray in deep thanksgiving for our good friends and benefactors. We give thanks for all the ways they bless us with their prayer and generosity, helping us to reach out to those in need throughout the world as together we strive to shape a new world of peace and justice.

> Bless them abundantly in their needs and may they always feel enfolded in your loving care.

> > AMEN.

"We thank our God each time we remember you . . . because of your sharing in the Gospel until now."

-Philippians 1:3







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