





Maryknoll Mission Archives/U.S.

Fr. Thomas Price, M.M., (fourth step, center) at the First Departure, September 7, 1918.

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Front and back covers: Fr. Lam Hua, M.M., leading a procession to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi in Mabatini, Mwanza, Tanzania.

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Who We Are and What We Are Challenged to Be

As joyful missionary disciples of Jesus the Christ motivated by love and challenged by the Gospel, we reach across borders, geographical and situational, and build bridges of solidarity among the poor and marginalized that reflect God's merciful love and compassion in the context of a constantly evolving universe.

Our Spiritual Heritage

We develop and nurture a spirituality grounded in the mission of Jesus in dialogue with the poor and peoples of diverse religious traditions. Acknowledging our limitations, we are sustained through community, mutual support, and life-long intellectual and spiritual formation. We foster this spiritual heritage by creating a culture of vocational promotion and discernment, along with a mission-focused pastoral formation that stresses language learning and acculturation for our younger members.

Sharing the Maryknoll Spirit with Others

In the spirit of "generativity" on every level, we facilitate and enable others in all local Churches, including the U.S. Church, to carry out their missionary call and to pass on the Maryknoll tradition, charism and passion for mission. Sensitive to changing contexts, we are open to the ongoing renewal of the Holy Spirit, who makes all things new.

Collaboration and Partnership

We collaborate with members of the different expressions of the Maryknoll Family, other missionary communities, and local Churches as well as develop networks of partnerships with groups in civil society. We work together to bring about holistic, spiritual, personal, and social transformations locally and globally.

Responsible Stewardship

We exercise responsible stewardship of the human and financial resources entrusted to us. Stewardship requires concern for the charism we have been gifted with, the integrity of creation and the preferential option for the poor.

Our Commitment

Therefore, faithful to our Oath to the Society, and with gratitude to our generous benefactors and the local U.S. Church that sends us on mission, we proclaim God's saving, reconciling, liberating, and healing message to all peoples.



V. Concha-Nunez/U.S.

Maryknoll Superior General Reverend Raymond J. Finch, M.M.

At baptism, all Catholics are called to mission. From the Maryknoll Society Center in New York and from all its mission centers and offices throughout the country, Maryknoll continues to engage Catholics, along with people of other faiths, in God's work of mission.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERIOR GENERAL

"We strengthen faith... we provide relief... we offer assistance..."

The last year has been one of great excitement at Maryknoll. We became fully immersed in an aggressive agenda that is allowing us to better serve all people here at home and around the world.

Serving the poor, and celebrating our work with them and with everyone within the Catholic Church, is all made possible by our benefactors and our U.S. bishops. All of you are our partners in mission, and we want to share with you a few of our many success stories—your success stories—from the last year.

It is with your financial and spiritual support that we continue to ensure that eye care is available in South Sudan and that specialized treatment for multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis is available in North Korea. With you as partners, we are strengthening the Catholic faith of future generations in U.S. parishes and in China. Together, we are providing humanitarian relief to those who face oppression in Thailand and Tanzania, and offering economic empowerment to communities in Kenya and Myanmar.

Father Lance Nadeau, M.M., continues his mission in Nairobi as the Catholic chaplain at Kenyatta University. He guides students who are committed to feeding the hungry among their neighbors and promoting mutual ethnic and religious understanding. Father Nadeau also is accompanying new candidates for Maryknoll as our Society begins to search for the next generation that has received the calling from God to serve His world in mission. This search also is active in Asia, Latin America and the U.S.

In Asia, our China Educators and Formators Project celebrated its 25th anniversary. We have enjoyed a unique opportunity to partner with the leadership of the Catholic Church in China and to help form the next generation of Chinese Church leaders. More than 20 priests and sisters from China, with our support, presently are earning advanced degrees at U.S. Catholic universities.

For many years, I was assigned to Latin America and even served as Maryknoll's regional superior for that region. Close to my heart is the work of the Maryknoll Mission Center in Latin America (CMMAL) that is located in Cochabamba, Bolivia. For more than 50 years, CMMAL has enrolled thousands of college and professional students to help them improve their Spanish and native language skills and to build relationships with Latin Americans. A rebirth of sorts has been in the making at CMMAL. New programs now include ecology classes that will allow all of us to better care for God's beautiful creation.

A year ago, I shared with you the new foundation that we created for our future work in mission. Thanks to you, we now are fulfilling promises we made to ourselves, to you and to the people we serve in mission every day.

Thankfully in Christ,

[Handwritten signature of Raymond J. Finch]

Reverend Raymond J. Finch, M.M.

Following in the footsteps of our founders and of Pope Francis, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are missionary disciples of Jesus who work to spread the love of God to all of our brothers and sisters throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, and in the United States. With the prayerful support of our faithful and devoted benefactors, our missionaries share the Good News of Christ's message of hope in global solidarity with the poor and marginalized and with all people through our many apostolic ministries:

Health Care & Social Welfare



Ministering to families and communities devastated by the AIDS pandemic and other diseases; providing medicine, shelter, protection, food, clean water and rehabilitation to children and families.

N. Sprague/Tanzania

Youth & Adult Formation



Supporting and strengthening the faith of future generations through educational and catechetical training programs; helping local churches to identify and form leaders and provide them with necessary skills.

S. Sprague/Cambodia

Human Rights



Providing humanitarian relief to refugees who have fled oppression; defending women and children; protecting the basic, inalienable rights of all people globally.

S. Sprague/Guatemala

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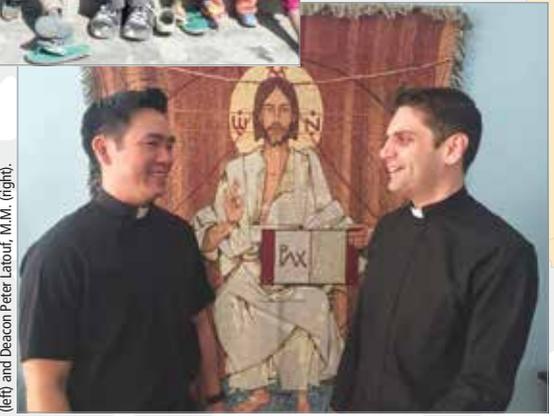


Evangelization, Religious Education, Vocational Training



Courtesy Deacon Daniel Kim, M.M./Nepal/ Deacon Daniel Kim, M.M.

Strengthening faith communities, developing resources to share God's mission of spreading the Good News and ongoing theological formation/training for future Society members.



Maryknoll Mission Archives/US/Deacon Daniel Kim, M.M. (left) and Deacon Peter Latouf, M.M. (right).

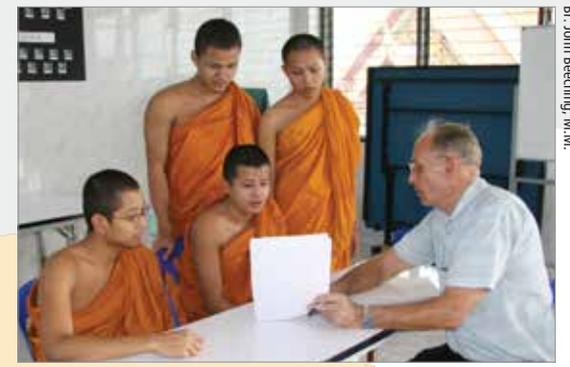
Sustainable Agriculture & Economic Development



Courtesy of Fr. Joseph Thaler, M.M./Nepal

Supporting small indigenous communities with agricultural assistance and preserving the natural resources of land and water.

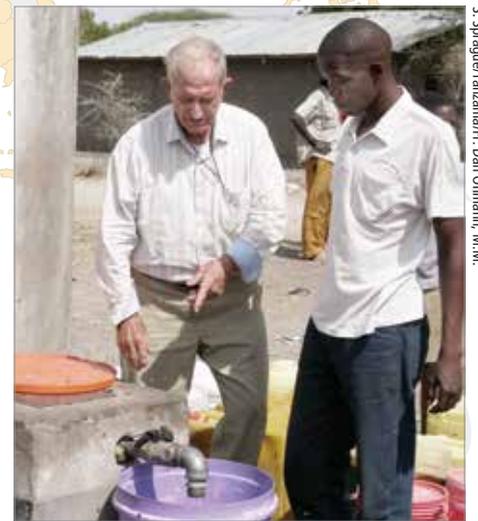
Communications Ministry



Maryknoll Mission Archives/Thailand/ Br. John Beeding, M.M.

Promoting interreligious dialogue through grassroots community development and peacemaking programs.

Construction



S. Sprague/Tanzania/Fr. Dan Ohmann, M.M.

Providing basic necessities for the poor and building places of worship and educational enrichment.

There's a saying that the more things change, the more they remain the same.

The ways, means and technologies used after these 70+ years in mission in East Africa have changed, as have our personnel. In this final regard, the largest and most fundamental change is the implementation of the recommendation of our 13th General Chapter during 2014 that, while respecting our historical identity and foundational charism, we may consider for acceptance to the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America young men from the countries in which we work.

We are proud that Africa has been in the forefront in this endeavor, and we now have one young man from Kenya who has been accepted as a candidate to the Society. He is at our formation house in Chicago. We have several more who are in various stages of the application process. Yet, the motivation and what we set out to do remains the same. The love of Christ impels us (2 Cor 5:14) to share the incredible good news of God's unconditional love for us in Christ.

Through your kindness and generous support of Maryknoll, you join with us in sharing that love. God bless you.

Father John Waldrep, M.M.  
Africa Regional Superior



Courtesy Fr. Lance Nadeau, M.M./Kenya/Fr. Lance Nadeau, M.M.

After completing his early Maryknoll mission work in the Middle East, Father Lance Nadeau, M.M., arrived in Africa during 1999.

For the last 16 years, the Greenfield, Massachusetts, native has served as the Catholic chaplain at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya. He is a senior lecturer at the school and twice he has received the Extra Mile Award for outstanding service. Kenyatta University is a government institution with 75,000 students. Father Nadeau indicated that about 30 percent of the student body is Catholic and that they are very aware of Maryknoll's work and long history in East Africa.

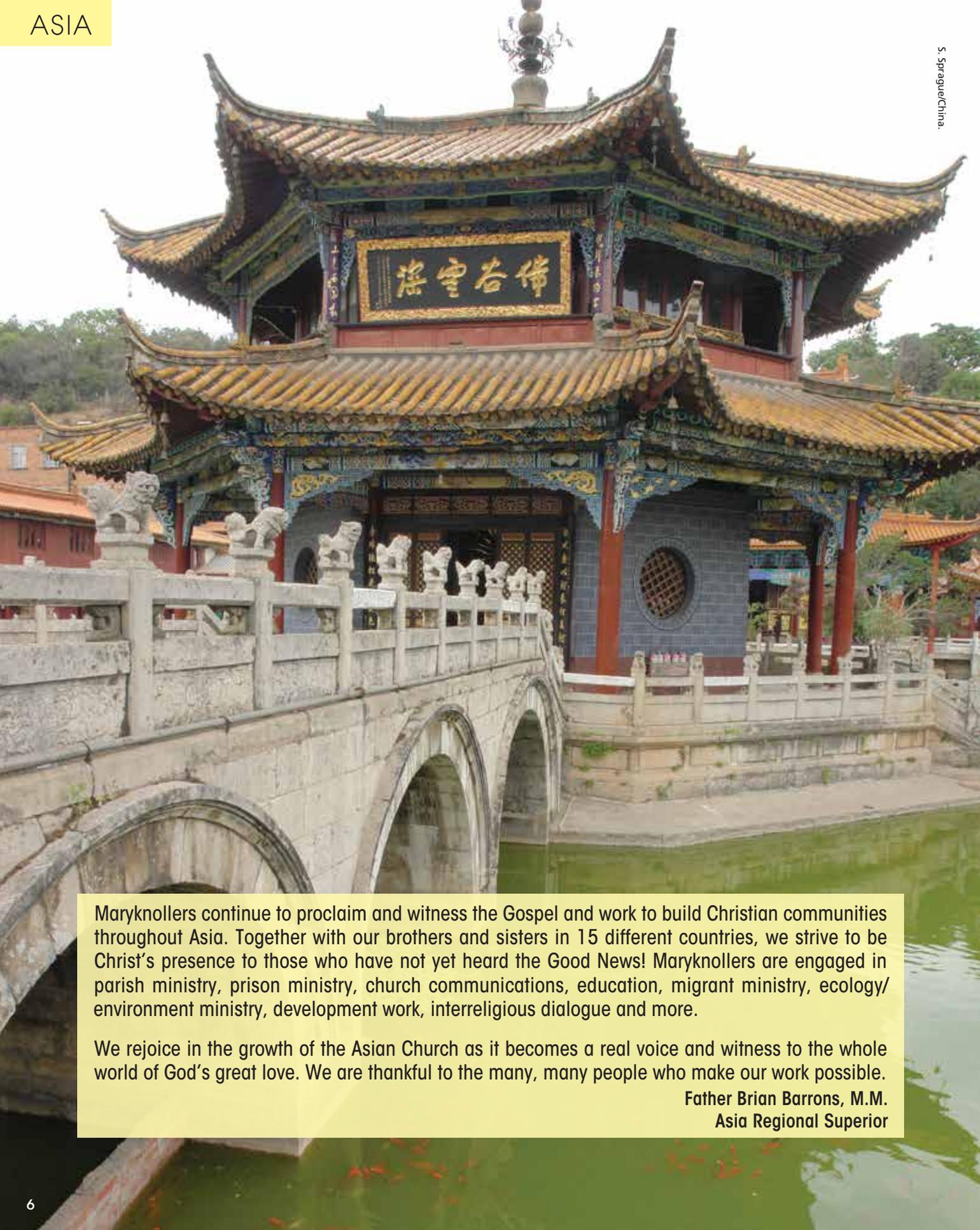
"Our student groups evangelize Kenyan society through educational, health and gender equality programs in marginalized areas in the northern part of the country," said Father Lance. "They provide assistance to the hungry in Nairobi's many informal settlements and promote inter-ethnic and interreligious understanding."



Courtesy Fr. John Waldrep, M.M./Kenya/Fr. John Waldrep, M.M.

During Father Nadeau's time at Kenyatta University, 90 young men have entered the seminary. **One graduate, John Siyumbu, is Maryknoll's first African candidate for the priesthood.** Father Nadeau invites readers to meet this wonderful young man by turning to page 21.

Other young men at the university are as eager as John to dedicate themselves to Maryknoll. Recently, we have made this opportunity available to them without departing from our historical identity as a U.S. mission society. We now consider for admission members of the local churches in which we serve, who, on their own initiative, wish to join Maryknoll as priests or Maryknoll Brothers. Each candidate must be familiar with the Maryknoll charism and be known to the regional members of Maryknoll who serve in the same local church. With Maryknoll, they find communities in which to live out God's call to responsibility. They hope to honor God's image in others and bring healing to our troubled world.



s. Sprague/China

Maryknollers continue to proclaim and witness the Gospel and work to build Christian communities throughout Asia. Together with our brothers and sisters in 15 different countries, we strive to be Christ's presence to those who have not yet heard the Good News! Maryknollers are engaged in parish ministry, prison ministry, church communications, education, migrant ministry, ecology/environment ministry, development work, interreligious dialogue and more.

We rejoice in the growth of the Asian Church as it becomes a real voice and witness to the whole world of God's great love. We are thankful to the many, many people who make our work possible.

**Father Brian Barrons, M.M.**  
Asia Regional Superior

Catholic religious in China are finding new approaches to ministry through various forms of graduate study in the U.S. and from the Maryknoll missionaries who have served as their mentors for more than two decades.

Twenty-four priests and Sisters from China currently are earning advanced degrees at U.S. Catholic universities through the China Educators and Formators Project that is sponsored by the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. This year, the project celebrated its 25th anniversary.

This China Project developed from the need for well-trained church leaders in mainland China as that country emerged, during the 1980s, from 30 years of religious repression. With the encouragement of the Chinese bishops, Father Lawrence Flynn, M.M., brought the first four Chinese seminarians to study in the United States during 1991. Since then, **137 leaders of the Catholic Church in China have participated in this project.**



D. Mastrogiliodis, Jr./Fr. Timothy Kilkelly, M.M.

Father Timothy Kilkelly, M.M., a Minneapolis native and current project coordinator, said that students, upon completion of studies, return home to enliven the faith as seminary teachers and pastoral ministers. Five priests who were students in this project now are bishops. Five Sisters have become superiors of their religious communities.

To participate, students must be recommended by their bishops or religious superiors. Several laypeople also have participated in the program. Candidates are invited to embrace a missionary spirit and a desire to place their studies at the service of the universal church. English language study is a priority.

Then, the students pursue theological, formational and Scripture studies. Increasingly, students also are learning social work, pastoral counseling and spiritual direction that respond to specific needs of the Catholic Church and the general population in China.

Father Larry Lewis, M.M., originally from Utica, New York, and a former coordinator of the project, currently supports the initiative as an advisor. Anli Hsu, the project's executive assistant, is from Taiwan and she shares a bond with the participants through her ancestry and fluency in Mandarin.

**These new religious leaders from China also nourish the Catholic Church in the U.S.** through their studies at various universities, and as strong witnesses of faith. Many students are from families that risked their lives to keep their faith alive during the years of religious repression.

N. Sprague/Peru/Fr. Robert Hoffman, M.M.

In an exhortation to bishops, Pope Francis said, "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets..."

From Santiago, Chile, to Guatemala City; from Lima, Peru, to Sao Paulo, Brazil, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Latin America are a part of a bruised and hurting church. Daily, they walk the dirty urban streets and dusty rural paths soothing the wounded and mending the brokenhearted.

As missionary disciples of Jesus, we embrace men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS by advocating for their rights and providing them shelter, food, medical assistance and spiritual guidance. We accompany people broken by tragedy and trauma, teaching therapists how to heal minds and spirits wracked with pain. We enable the blind to soothe others through touch by providing them training – and a livelihood – as massage therapists.

In parishes throughout the region, we preach – in words and good works – the Good News, celebrate the Lord's Supper, anoint the sick and invite those who have gone astray to return to a merciful God.

Our hands are dirty but our hearts are full from proclaiming and building God's Kingdom in Latin America...one kind act at a time.

Father Joseph Fedora, M.M.  
Latin America Regional Superior



For more than 50 years, the Maryknoll Mission Center in Latin America (CMMAL) in Cochabamba, Bolivia, has offered classes in language study and cultural immersion for people from all over the world. College students from U.S. Catholic universities along with religious, retirees, singles, married couples and business executives, spend from six weeks to one year in programs that teach the Spanish, Quechua and Aymara languages. The curriculum also provides students with opportunities to enter the local communities to meet and serve the people and the church. CMMAL's contributions include a variety of courses, workshops and certificate programs.

Over the years, **CMMAL has welcomed more than 13,000 college and professional students** to help them improve their language skills and build relationships with Latin Americans. The programs also offer students many opportunities to serve and engage with local people as they learn about Bolivian and Latin American cultures, and socio-political realities. Students help the elderly, abandoned adults and children afflicted with HIV. They prepare meals for women recently released from prison and create lessons for children attending after-school programs. The experiences provide a deeper understanding of justice and peace and are central to interpreting and living the Gospel.

Courtesy Fr. Edward Shellito, M.M./Bolivia/Fr. Edward Shellito, M.M.

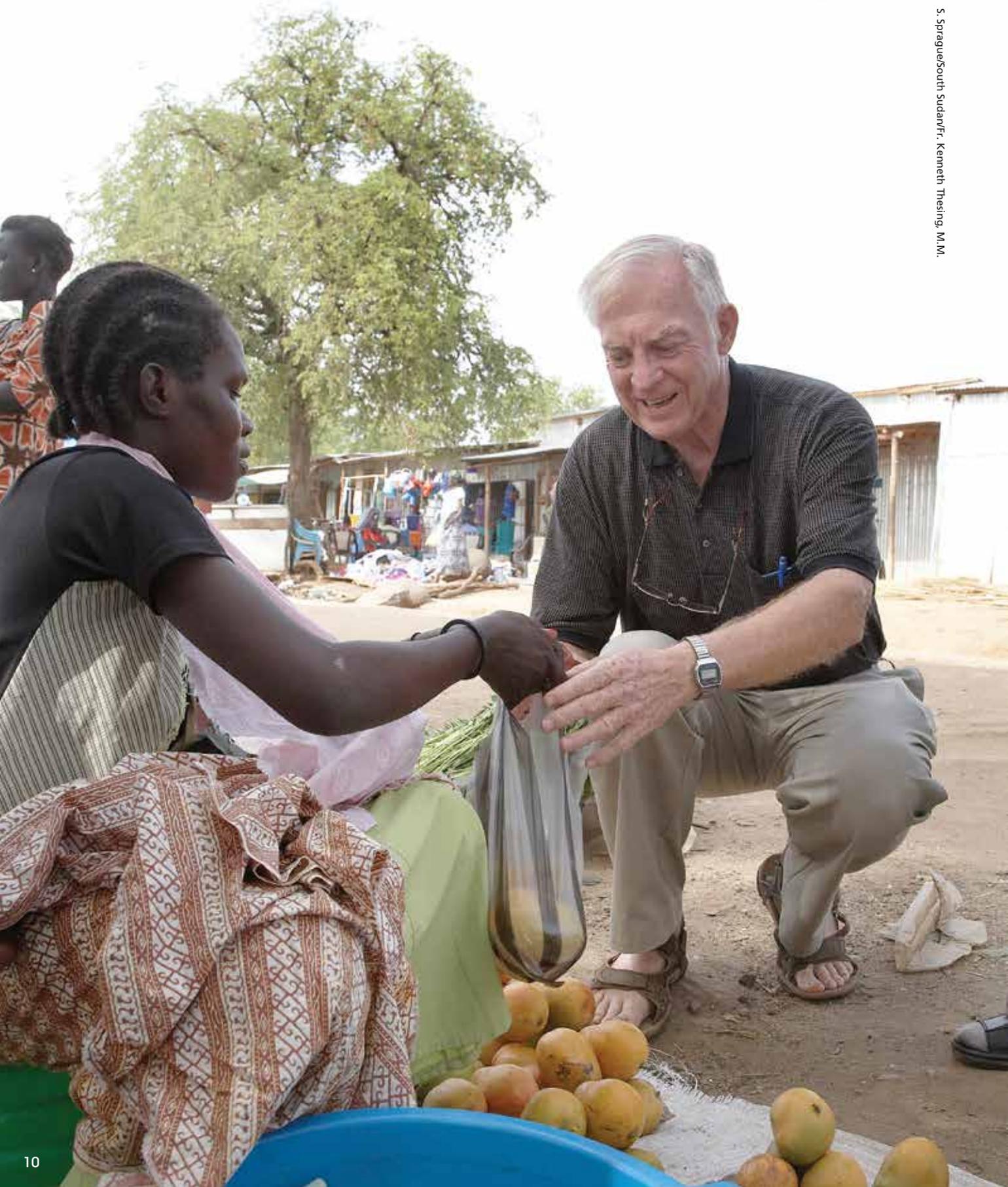


Courtesy CMMAL/Bolivia

CMMAL also presents lectures about cultural and social aspects of Cochabamba, the history and rituals of Bolivia and Argentina, racism, migration festivals, and even the importance of both the coca leaf and water to the people of the region.

These programs never remain static. For 2017, new initiatives include English language courses for Bolivians, virtual classes via Skype for past students and ecology classes that reflect on local issues, social encounters and disagreements.

Everyone is invited to explore education opportunities at CMMAL.



s. Sprague/South Sudan/Fr. Kenneth Thesing, M.M.

# CREATING A CULTURE OF MISSION...

## Hunger Challenges Communities of Missionary Disciples

Father Kenneth Thesing, M.M., is a missionary in the Africa Region with an important connection to Rome, where Maryknoll has maintained a presence since the 1920s. Maryknoll's Rome office is part of its U.S. Region.

In Rome, Father Thesing (opposite page) is a delegate of the International Congregations of Religious at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). His unique experiences have helped him understand hunger.

As a farm boy from Lewiston, Minnesota (Diocese of Winona), Father Thesing has witnessed the transformation of U.S. agriculture from small family farms to huge agribusiness conglomerates. As a missionary, Father Thesing has walked the savanna of Tanzania with subsistence farmers who barely can feed their families.

The Maryknoll missionary has witnessed the ravages of drought and famine in a part of the world known for shortages of food and water. His mission to reduce hunger and malnutrition draws upon his understanding of farming and the plight of the rural poor in developing countries.

"Hunger is a function of poverty," said Father Thesing. **"People are hungry for the most part because they are poor. It is not for a lack of world food production."**

Small-scale farmers are among the most vulnerable to hunger. They're dependent on the weather and markets, and they often are cash poor. Father Thesing believes that sustainable and resilient food systems are critical to eliminating hunger. His work includes providing input for FAO policies and implementing them on the local level.

**"In FAO, the most important principle is food security,"** stated Father Thesing, "which means accessible adequate food of good nutritional quality, sensitive to what people like in different areas and cultures around the world."

The Maryknoll priest advocates for the U.N.'s Zero Hunger Challenge. This 2012 initiative seeks to establish access to food as a human right and to build sustainable food and agriculture systems to end hunger and malnutrition. It also aims to create inclusive, sustainable and resilient food systems.

The question of hunger is deeply related to the questions of land and labor, and the need for people to come together for global solutions.

"For us as Christians, as Catholics, it is a moral question," added Father Thesing, "and an ethical question, because we start by saying each person has the dignity of being created equally by God."



Maryknoll's Pachamama Farm in New York supports local food pantries.

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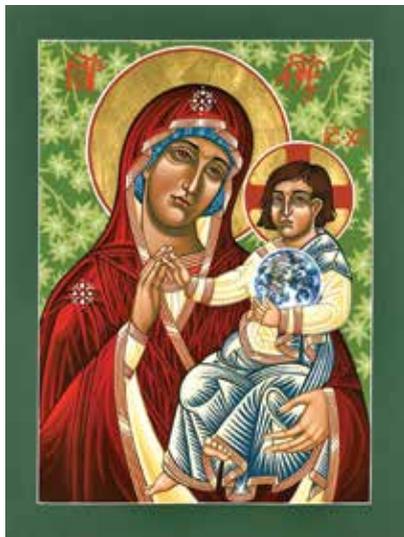


# IN GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS...



Partners in Mission John and Mary  
with daughter Sara and  
Rev. Dr. Peter Le Jacq, M.M.

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers remain ever grateful to our partners in mission, our benefactors, whose prayers and support strengthen us as we continue Christ's saving work. For more than a century, we have together made a difference in the lives of children and families throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, and through our ministries supporting the Catholic Church in the United States in its missionary response. We prayerfully celebrate our shared mission of renewing our baptismal promise of service with God's love. While space prevents us from listing the names of all our partners in mission, we gratefully acknowledge those with the largest lifetime gifts as well as their intentions to support mission in the future through their bequests.



The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers recognizes our partners in mission who generously commit to support the future in mission through a planned gift to the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

Whether you purchase a gift annuity or include the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in your personal will or in your estate plans, you become a member of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' Legacy Society. It's our way of gratefully acknowledging and honoring your long-term commitment of ensuring that our missionaries can continue their mission of sharing the Gospel and helping the poor and marginalized globally.

Members of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' Legacy Society receive many benefits that include remembrance at our annual All Saints' Day Mass held on November 1 in Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel at Maryknoll, New York. Members also receive a lifetime subscription to *Maryknoll* magazine, or the Spanish-language *Revista Maryknoll*, and a lifetime subscription to the Gift Planning Stewardship Newsletter that features stories about mission and the many ways in which you may continue to support mission. We also provide additional invitations to events and opportunities that will allow you and your family to visit with our Maryknoll missionaries.

## LEADING BEQUESTS

- Estate of Carl Allendorf
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- Estate of John R. Burt
- Estate of Edwin and Margaret Costa
- Estate of Mary Dalmas
- Estate of Harold and Joan Denkler
- Estate of Paquita Erdell
- Estate of James Feodi
- Estate of Laverne Gebhard
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- Estate of Florence Marino
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- Estate of Evelyn McKissick
- Estate of M.E. Morrow
- Estate of Eunice Placzek
- Estate of Steward J. Platt
- Estate of Raymond Vance

Whether it is from the Maryknoll Society Center in New York, or from mission centers and offices across the country, Maryknoll continues to engage Catholics and people from all faiths in God's important work of mission.

Each year, more than 100 men and women from the United States participate with us on mission immersion trips. Our travelers include religious educators, deacons and ministers, our benefactors, catechists and youth ministers. Our trips to Africa, Asia and Latin America also have included retired teachers and law enforcement employees who are seeking to answer God's call to serve in overseas ministries.

On one trip during 2016, deacons, priests and others joined with Maryknoll to explore Tanzania and Kenya. The itinerary included visits to parishes and small Christian communities to learn about the cultures directly from Maryknoll missionaries. The participants also engaged with local church mission partners such as the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa, who manage a home for the hearing impaired and disabled.

Maryknoll mission immersion trips are for people who wish to learn more about other cultures and have the desire to understand how they can serve as missionary disciples among the poor.

**Please visit our website to learn more:**  
[MaryknollSociety.org/mission-trips](http://MaryknollSociety.org/mission-trips)



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## Spencer

M. Deutsch/U.S./Fr. William Boteler, M.M. (left),  
Fr. Robert Carleton, M.M. (right)



A graduate of Catholic University, Stanford University and U. C. Berkeley, Spencer (above, center) enjoyed a long career as a high school and community college mathematics teacher.

During 2008, Spencer began investing in deferred annuities with Maryknoll. He saw this as a win-win situation—a way to support Maryknoll missions around the world while earning retirement income. Spencer has funded 12 annuities and he has continued as a faithful and generous friend of mission.

Spencer lives close to the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' Senior Mission Community in Los Altos, California. He has been befriended by many of these Maryknoll missionaries and he enjoys sharing a meal with them and listening to their stories. Spencer has fine-tuned his Spanish at the Maryknoll Language School in Bolivia, and he has visited projects in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Owing to the death and destruction brought on by war, Spencer feels a special debt to the people of Vietnam. He has supported various programs in the country and he has sponsored or hosted Vietnamese college students.

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers is deeply grateful and honored to have Spencer as a partner in mission. He has extended that partnership by remembering Maryknoll in his will, and Spencer said this is his way to show gratitude to God for all the gifts he has received.

## Debbie and Lon

Debbie and Lon embrace Jesus' admonition that to whom much is given, much is expected.

Lon is an Oklahoma native with a long career in the oil and gas industry. He now is a private investor and has served on school boards in the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. Debbie and Lon concentrate their outreach efforts on enhancing Catholic education. They provide tuition assistance to children in inner city schools that are lacking quality education materials.

The couple has supported Maryknoll for decades, assisting the work of Father Robert Coyne, M.M., in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. They also enjoy a warm relationship with Maryknoll Gift Planning Chaplain Father Peter Le Jacq, M.M. This friendship has helped develop additional support for Maryknoll's mission work in Tanzania.

Debbie and Lon now are actively exploring mission exposure opportunities for themselves, fellow parishioners and friends who are interested in experiencing our work among the world's poor and marginalized. We are grateful for their friendship and commitment to mission.



Courtesy Lon's Family/U.S./Rev. Dr. Peter Le Jacq, M.M.

## Gabriel

Imagine the items that 10 percent of your earnings can purchase each month. Or, how the same amount of money can be saved for something you will need or want at a later time. How can we be taught as Christ has preached to love one another when we maintain, and society supports, a self-serving attitude?

These thoughts were shared by Gabriel of Salinas, California. Through the teaching and example of his parents, Gabriel learned to tithe.

"I did not accept the concept to willingly give away a portion of what I earned through hard work," said Gabriel. "Of all the conversations with my mother, one in particular comes to mind. She had mentioned how God blesses the lives of those who help the poor."

Whenever he recalled his mother's lesson, Gabriel wondered if failing to help others was a barrier to receiving God's blessings.

Gabriel's original actions of giving now have become a personal act of love. He believes he is fortunate to be part of a family that helps other people.

We are fortunate to have Gabriel as a monthly sponsor. His contributions provide for apostolic projects around the world.



Courtesy Gabriel/U.S.

## Gary



Courtesy Gary/China

Gary lives in Fort Pierce, Florida. He learned about the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers many years ago during his childhood in New Jersey. His mother supported Maryknoll.

During the 1970s, Gary met a Maryknoll missionary while he served in the Peace Corps in Venezuela. Only a few years ago, during 2010, Gary decided to participate in a Maryknoll short-term mission program. He taught English at Zhanjiang University in China.

Gary witnessed the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in action, and he was very impressed by their work and service, with love and compassion, for those in need. Gary said that he has been blessed by God to learn about another culture and to meet some of the most caring and kind people he has known during his life.

Gary remembers the smiles of gratitude and love from the people who were helped by Maryknoll in China. From this experience, Gary said that he is "more than willing to offer my prayer, time and financial support to the Maryknoll missions. Remembering Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in my will assures me that the Maryknoll spirit will continue to shine around the world."

As part of our lifelong calling to be missionary disciples, we continue as Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers to do the work of Jesus no matter our ages or where we are located around the world.

Senior missionaries in our Maryknoll Society are divided into two categories – Senior Missioner Status and Senior Missioner Community. Members who are limited by age and/or minor physical issues, but yet healthy and mobile, enroll in Senior Missioner Status, allowing them to go forth and continue to serve in public missionary ministry. As you will read in the profiles below, two of our missionaries, Father Leo B. Shea, M.M., and Father Robert A. Lilly, M.M., have been active participants in ministry in Jamaica, Idaho and Montana.

The Maryknoll Senior Missioner Community currently includes 135 Maryknoll priests and Maryknoll Brothers. Occasionally, a Maryknoller can transfer from the Senior Missioner Community to Senior Missioner Status. Already, 30 of us have made this transition. Those who remain in the Senior Missioner Community will pray for those of us who continue to serve around the world, for the people we serve in mission and for all of you who support us and keep us in your prayers.

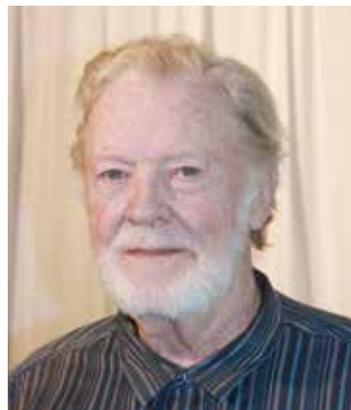
**Father Emile Dumas, M.M.**  
**Senior Missioner Community Superior**



S. Sprague/Jamaica/Fr. Leo Shea, M.M.

**D**uring more than 50 years as a priest, **Father Leo Shea, M.M.**, from the Archdiocese of Boston, has served in mission in Venezuela, China, Jamaica and the U.S. In Jamaica, he became a member of the Evangelization Team of the Diocese of Montego Bay. At Blessed Assurance Orphanage, he baptized orphans. Since these special needs children did not have family, Father Shea asked local Catholic business people and professionals to become their godparents. "I have been truly blessed during 50-plus years serving the needy and poor," said Father Shea. "Jamaica is where I began my missionary career and where I close out my overseas days as a Maryknoll priest."

**T**hough born in Brooklyn, New York, **Father Robert Lilly, M.M.**, has long considered the Diocese of Bridgeport as his home diocese. After serving more than 20 years in South Korea, he now lives in Heron, Montana, as a member of Maryknoll's Senior Missioner Community. Father Lilly remains active by assisting parishes in Montana and Idaho. He prays each morning and, as he admitted, sometimes daydreams. He gives it all to Jesus.



L. Mahnken/U.S./Fr. Robert Lilly, M.M.

We serve God's mission in countries throughout the world. We seek out and welcome young men here in the United States who are willing to answer the call to become Maryknoll priests and Maryknoll Brothers.

Now, for the first time, we have broadened our search by also accepting men from the mission countries we serve. These young men know us well, embrace our missionary charism and have expressed the desire to join us. Two have been accepted – Seminarian John Siyumbu and Seminarian Matthew Sim. Several more will join us during 2017.

Welcoming people to join Maryknoll in serving God's mission throughout the world is a ministry that engages us all, including you, our cherished benefactors. Perhaps you, too, can serve as a short-term mission volunteer, or join us on a group immersion trip. Maybe, too, there is someone in your family who may wish to become a Maryknoll missionary priest or Maryknoll Brother. We are all called to be heralds of the Gospel.

**Father Michael J. Snyder, M.M.**  
**Director of Vocations**

*"I received a call from Maryknoll's vocation director on the evening of June 9, 2016. My application to join Maryknoll as a candidate for the priesthood had been accepted. In my immense joy, I felt the affirmative and guiding action of God. I was filled with gratitude for the accompaniment offered to me by various persons. Reading Romans 8:28 that evening, I felt assured of God's ineffable love. I eagerly look forward to a time when seeds will be planted during my formation program; when God, through Maryknoll's missionary charism, will prepare me to learn, to love and to serve."*—Seminarian John Siyumbu (Kenya)



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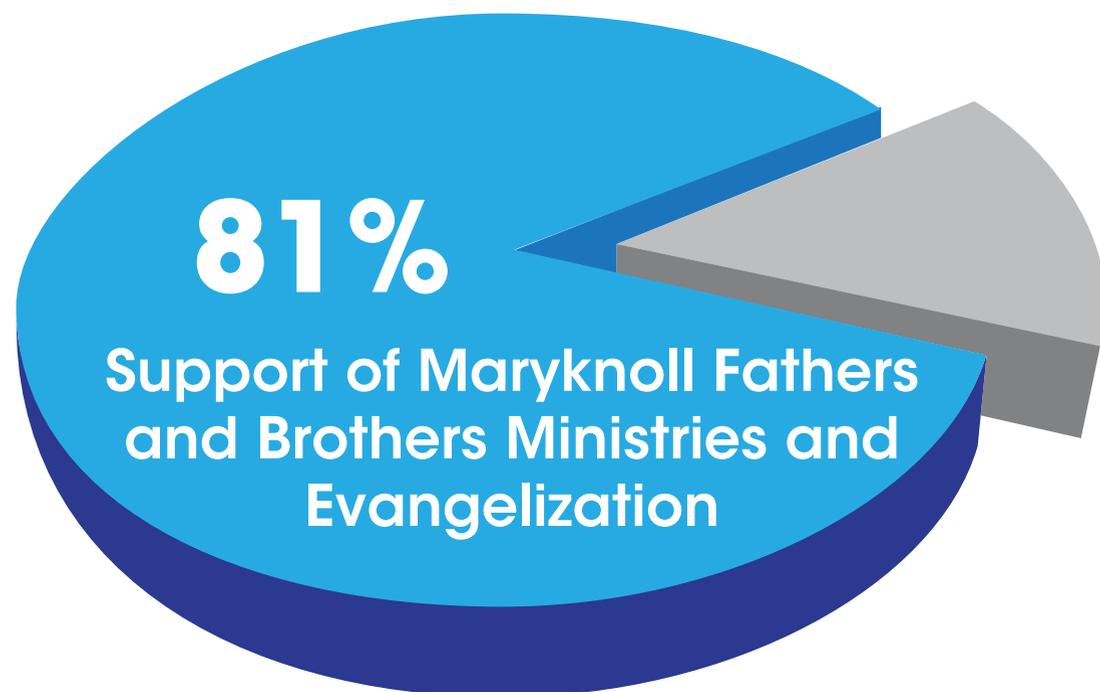
*"When I received the call to announce my acceptance into Maryknoll, I was exhilarated. My immediate reaction was to share this exciting news with the Maryknollers who have journeyed with me. It was heart-warming to know that they were equally joyful in welcoming me. I am eager to start my formation and am looking forward to know more Maryknollers. I know that they will be Christ's light for me. I pray that, with God's grace and the guidance from many of you, I will be able to serve in the mission areas soon, to be a visible presence of Christ, as a Maryknoller."*—Seminarian Matthew Sim (Singapore/Hong Kong)

For almost 50 years, Maryknoll has welcomed clergy from the U.S. to join us for three to five years as associates. Our newest associate is Father Dan Chapin from the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York. He is serving in Bolivia. Father Dan received his Mission Cross from Maryknoll Superior General Father Raymond Finch on the feast of the Assumption – August 15, 2016.

By our very baptism, each of us is called to participate in God's mission. We also welcome anyone who wishes to serve as a short-term volunteer and/or join us for brief group immersion trips. Each year more than 100 men and women from the United States participate with us on trips that include our China Teachers Program in Jilin City.

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During 2016, the leadership of the Maryknoll Society was engaged in many projects at home and around the world. Several of these projects include the following:

- Superior General Father Raymond J. Finch, M.M., visited areas in China where the Catholic Church is present to strengthen Maryknoll's relationships with priests, bishops and sisters who have completed their graduate degrees with our support.
- Vicar General Father Joseph M. Everson III, M.M., visited Tanzania dioceses where Maryknoll has served for many years. Our missionary presence was discussed with the Maryknoll missionaries and the Society recommitted itself to serve the Church in Tanzania.
- Assistant General Father Thomas J. O'Brien, M.M., chaired the committee that drafted the Society Strategic Mission Plan that is providing guidance for Maryknoll's future. He also chaired the committee that planned and supervised the reorganization of the Society's Mission Education Apostolate while continuing to monitor the Society-supported humanitarian projects in Vietnam.
- Assistant General Father Russell J. Feldmeier, M.M., is active in interfaith dialogue and environmental stewardship at the Maryknoll Society Center in New York. He works closely with the Religious Organizations Along the River (ROAR) to foster care for God's creation throughout the Hudson River Valley and he participates in Neighborhood Interfaith Conversations, the regular gatherings of Christians, Jews and Muslims to explore a variety of religious issues.

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A handful of years ago, Orbis Books published *What They Taught Us — How Maryknoll Missioners Were Evangelized by the Poor*. The book was edited by Father Joseph A. Heim, M.M. Today, while many of the stories are different, the lessons remain the same. Here are several new stories from our missioners.

February 19, 1942 was one of the saddest days in U.S. history. President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, relegating 120,000 Japanese Americans to several years of internment. The Japanese community of Seattle assembled at Camp Harmony in nearby Puyallup before resettling at Camp Minidoka in Idaho. They lived there until 1946.

The order very much affected the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, which was established during 1920 to minister to Japanese and Filipino immigrants. The founding pastor, Father John Murrett, M.M., worked alongside many Maryknoll priests, Maryknoll Brothers and Maryknoll Sisters. Father Leopold Tibesar, M.M., was the pastor at the time of the internment. He accompanied the majority of his parishioners, living with them at Camp Minidoka and ministering to them.

Preparations regarding the 75th anniversary of this wartime order during 2017 are underway and will be commemorated with the theme of Courage & Compassion in the Midst of Fear. Maryknoll in Seattle will collaborate with several groups to involve Muslims, Jews, Protestants and Catholics. It is fitting that people of many religions and nationalities will come together to honor the families that obeyed an unjust order.  
—Father Thomas J. Marti, M.M.

Each January, I travel to Nairobi, Kenya, and visit the Mukuru slums. I visit Holy Spirit Church, which we started in a tent three years ago. We now have 2,000 people at each of the three Masses on Sunday.

When we first put up our tent, the area was open. Now, we are surrounded by high-rise apartments. Women tote water in five-gallon plastic buckets up seven stories. The roads leading into the area have massive holes filled with water and garbage above the knees.

But the enthusiasm of the people is contagious. Picture 2,000 people clapping and singing with all their might.  
—Father John Lange, M.M.

Mahendra Nath and the five members of his family lost their home, most of their food, clothes and other family possessions during the Nepal earthquake.

Maryknoll supplied building materials to Mahendra and other families in this area. As we walked through the village, Mahendra and his family invited us to their new home that they had built with Maryknoll’s support.

The family prepared a garland of flowers and offered us sel roti and achar, very precious local food items made by Mahendra’s wife. The family expressed their happiness and joy. Soon after, other families presented us with food, flowers and words of thanks.

So, one random act of kindness generated so many others that continued on and on. A powerful lesson witnessed and learned that day.  
—Father Joseph Thaler, M.M.

While living in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and after knowing him and his family for more than a year, I eventually became confirmation godfather for Carlos, a man in his 40s. These years were tough as Carlos had a drinking problem. Through my continued visits, I steered him to seek help.

At the time of my final visit with the family, and as I was about to leave, I received an envelope from the youngest daughter. When I returned to my house and opened the envelope, I read what turned out to be a very moving letter of gratitude.

I was amazed at how much this little girl had perceived about my accompanying her father and the other assistance that I had provided to her family. Her letter personified for me the scripture “you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.” (Matthew 11:25).

I have kept that letter as a reminder of how God’s blessings come in very unexpected moments.  
—Father Juan Zuniga, M.M.



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