

100 YEARS

OF MISSION SENDING | 1918-2018





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LEFT: Fr. Peter Latouf during his Sending Ceremony in 2017 (*Octavio Duran/Maryknoll, NY*)
FRONT COVER: LEFT: First departure: Frs. James E. Walsh, Thomas F. Price, Francis X. Ford, and Bernard F. Meyer, standing. RIGHT: Most recent departure; Frs. Peter Latouf and Daniel Kim. (*Octavio Duran/Maryknoll, NY*)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERIOR GENERAL

“CALLED – SENT – TRANSFORMED”

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE CHALLENGED TO BECOME

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.

(Maryknoll Society Mission Vision)



V. Concha-Nuñez/U.S.

2018 marked the centennial of the first Maryknoll Mission Sending. The first four Maryknollers sent to China in 1918 faced considerable obstacles with very meager resources. Since that humble beginning, we have been sending missionaries to the remote corners of our world to live and announce the Good News of God’s love for each one of us. Maryknoll priests and Brothers follow Jesus by living lives of service and reaching out especially to the forgotten and disregarded ones on the margins of society. The commemoration of this very simple and, in the eyes of the world, unimportant event prompted me to consider just how Maryknoll’s mission has changed over the past 100 years, and how despite those changes, at the heart of the matter it is still the same.

The first missionaries were sent just as the First World War was coming to an end and the great flu pandemic was threatening the world. The world was unsafe and many large groups of people were dislocated and distraught. The first Maryknoll missionaries were sent to live the Gospel and do whatever small services they could manage in a world overwhelmed with suffering and death. They opened schools, hospitals and churches. They lived among the people they served. They accompanied and aided those in need, with programs and projects, but more than that, they gave of themselves and entered into profound interpersonal, intercultural and interreligious bonds of friendship and respect. Yes, mission is about feeding the hungry and healing the sick, and it is also about giving of ourselves and reaching out in love and concern to the

other, to those beyond my group, my church, even beyond my country and culture.

A lot has changed over the past 100 years. It no longer takes weeks to travel from the U.S. to China. Communication, travel and intercultural exchanges are much more common than in the past and incredibly faster. Groups that were once fairly homogeneous are now diverse. Different religions, cultures and ethnic groups are in constant contact and at times they are in conflict and tension with each other. In some ways the world has advanced, but in many ways the world is needier today than in 1918. Certainly there are more refugees, migrants, hungry and poor. In many parts of our world, violence and corruption are endemic. Sharing the Gospel and living our Catholic faith are more important than ever. Living with compassion for the vulnerable, forgotten and discarded members of society is still central to mission. It still means giving of ourselves, going beyond ourselves, beyond our culture, beyond our country, even beyond the Church, to live and announce the Gospel. It means reaching out to those in need through projects and programs for education, health, food production, etc. Doing all of that is at the heart of mission, and doing that in friendship and with profound respect for the people that we serve is indispensable. What we do in mission is important; how and why we do it are even more fundamental.

Thankfully in Christ,

REVEREND RAYMOND J. FINCH, M.M.



In Tanzania children and adults who were persecuted because they were born with albinism are now living in safe environments because of the support Maryknoll receives from our loyal partners. (Maryknoll Mission Archives/Tanzania)

Following in the footsteps of our founders and of Pope Francis, our 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, 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 especially 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.

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 providing them with the necessary tools and resources.

EVANGELIZATION, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Strengthening faith communities, developing resources to awaken in all their baptismal responsibility for mission by sharing God's mission of spreading the Good News. Includes ongoing theological formation/training for current and future Society members.

HUMAN RIGHTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Promoting interreligious dialogue through grassroots community development and peacemaking programs.

CONSTRUCTION

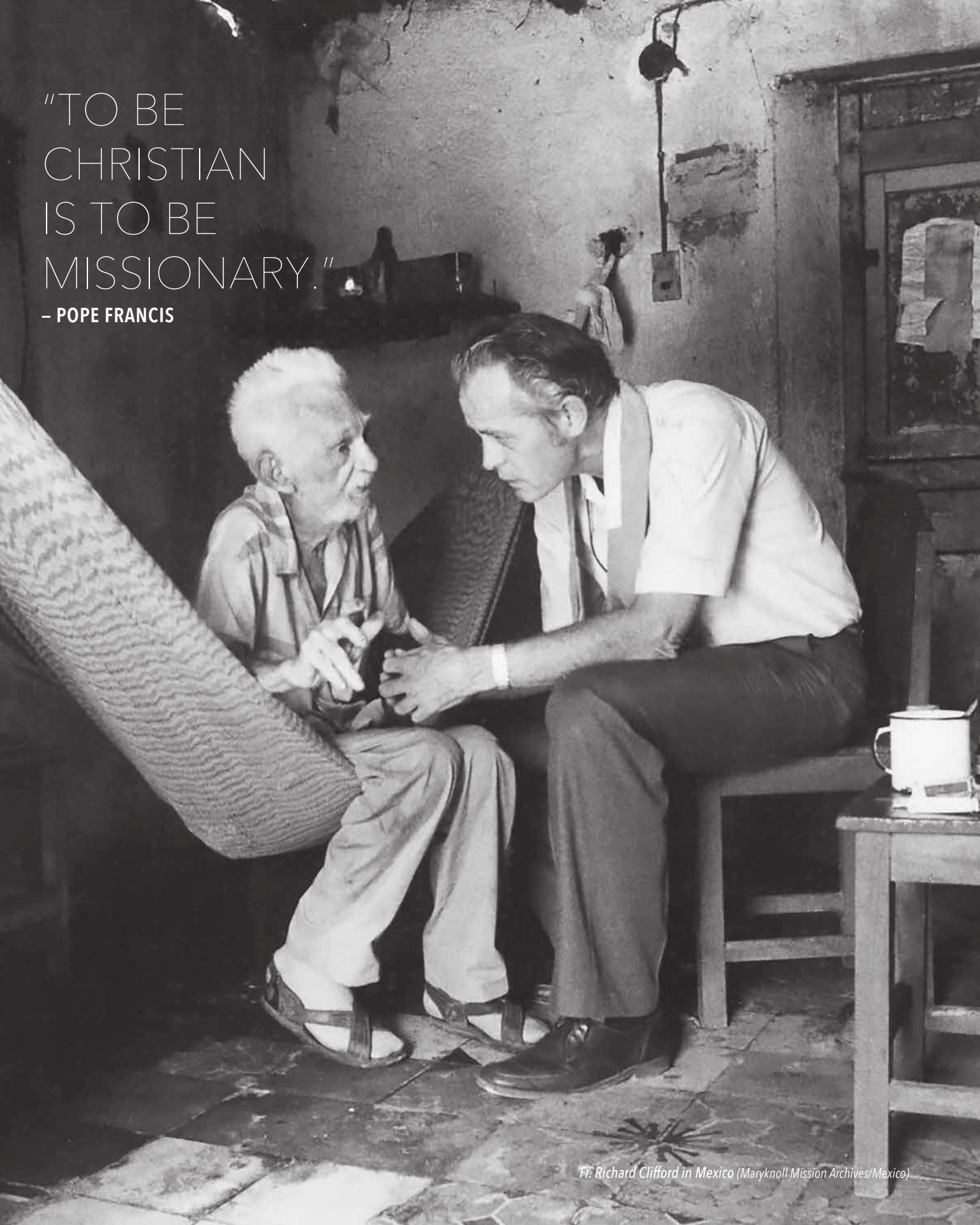
Providing basic necessities for the poor by building places of worship and educational enrichment, wells and homes.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Supporting small indigenous communities with agricultural assistance and preserving the natural resources of land and water in response to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*.

"TO BE
CHRISTIAN
IS TO BE
MISSIONARY."

— POPE FRANCIS



Fr. Richard Clifford in Mexico (Maryknoll Mission Archives/Mexico)

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.

(Maryknoll Society Mission Vision)

This year we commemorated 100 years since our first missionaries left the United States for mission service overseas. At that time in 1918 they went to China.

Three years ago our beloved Fr. Richard Clifford passed away at the age of 89 after 63 years as a priest. Raised in Anaconda, Montana, he served a long career of mission service in Latin America. Fr. Richard once wrote: "Mission is a human touch, in whatever form, place, person or circumstance it may reach out to express itself. It is often simple, sometimes sad, occasionally humorous but always enlightening. When one has felt this touch and has learned to respond to its tender embrace, in love and understanding, then one has begun to experience a true sense of mission, in all its beauty and charm and incomparable value."

Throughout its history, Maryknoll has been graced by that personal contact and friendship among the people we have served. We go to give of what we have and come to learn how much more we receive in abundance from the people we serve. This is the mystery, the beauty and the grace of God's presence in the world.

As the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, historically we only accepted men from the United States to become Maryknoll Missioners. However, in 2016 we began welcoming young men from our mission countries. These are men who have

been raised in parishes or studied at universities where we have served. Through their encounters with Maryknoll Missioners, they too have "felt this touch" and wish to "respond to its tender embrace, in love and understanding...to experience a true sense of mission, in all its beauty and charm and incomparable value."

More than 2,000 priests and Brothers have forged mission trails in Africa, Asia and Latin America. We also recognize that all men and women of faith are called to participate in God's mission. So over the past 20 years we have welcomed 1,000 men and women who have served anywhere from six weeks to one year as short-term volunteers, or have joined us on 7- to 15- day group immersion trips.

Welcoming people to join Maryknoll in serving God's mission throughout the world is a ministry that engages us all, including you, our cherished sponsors. We are so grateful for your prayers and support. There may be future Maryknoll priests and Brothers in your family awaiting your encouragement. And perhaps some among you would like to join us as volunteers or on a group immersion trip. Let us place ourselves in union with Pope Francis who tells us over and over again: To be Christian is to be missionary.

**FATHER MICHAEL J. SNYDER, M.M.
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS**

FORMATION REPORT

The rich cultural diversity that has been a distinguishing mark of Maryknoll's mission work is especially evident in our formation program.

On December 14, 2018, Seminarian Jonathan Hill of Florida took his Permanent Oath and was ordained a Deacon. Meanwhile Brother Ryan Thibert, a Canadian, returned to the U.S. from Cochabamba, Bolivia, after three years in training where he served families living with AIDS.

On that same December day, two candidates from Kenya—Joshua Mutende and Charles Ogony—professed Temporary Oaths and were sent to Cochabamba to begin their overseas training. Their calling is the result of a decision at Maryknoll's General Chapter in 2014 to accept candidates for the priesthood and brotherhood from our overseas mission regions. This decision is proving to be a blessing. At the end of 2018, candidates for religious life with Maryknoll included five Kenyans, five North Americans, and one Singaporean. Diversity becomes the emerging face of our Maryknoll Society.

In addition to classes on spirituality and the history of Maryknoll, our formation program includes weekly sessions on intercultural topics. Candidates from overseas mission countries have the opportunity to talk about how they came to know Maryknoll and experience God's calling. Candidate Patrick Okok from Kenya

said, "I have seen how God acts in intercultural formation. We come from different cultures, but there are a lot of things we share in common. So we are not strangers. By discovering what we share in common, I feel at home even though I am physically away from my own home."

Candidate Matthew Sim from Singapore was inspired by the expanding presence of new cultures in Maryknoll's formation community: "The formation environment becomes a mission field where candidates from various parts of the U.S. and mission regions share and learn from each other—cultural values, beliefs, and theological perspectives." Through the sharing, Candidate Sim believes every member is better able to understand the world's great diversity of worship and prayer, which leads to a deepening of their own relationship with God.

During 2018, candidates in formation also spent time meeting with senior missionaries at our headquarters in Maryknoll, NY and at our Los Altos, CA mission center. These encounters create a rich exchange among generations and cultures. Candidates are inspired by the firsthand mission stories they hear. At the same time, our senior missionaries enjoy sharing their vocation journey with the next generation of Maryknollers.



TOP: Formation Community with Fr. Ray Finch, Superior General, after retreat in August 2018. BOTTOM RIGHT: Formation community celebrates Day of the Dead November 2018. BOTTOM LEFT: The Formation Community after retreat in June 2018. (Photos courtesy of Fr. Russ Feldmeier)



AFRICA

As I write to you for 2018, regrettably famine continues to be the biggest challenge and the most pressing need affecting all of the four countries in East Africa where we currently work: Tanzania, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda. During 2018 our Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers conducted a special appeal for famine relief, and although we raised a considerable amount of money that was put to good use, it was a drop in the bucket compared to what is needed. However, we did make a significant contribution, as many others did. Even today in vast parts of South Sudan, Kenya and Tanzania, people are dying of hunger.

In terms of ministry, roughly half of our 20 members are in various forms of parish ministry. As a region within our Maryknoll Society, we have chosen as ministerial priorities urban centers in Tanzania. That means Dar-es-Salaam as Tanzania's capital (where I am presently the only Maryknoller but will be joined in July by newly ordained Fr. Jonathan Hill) and Mwanza on Lake Victoria. We will be assigning new missionaries to these priority areas over the next few years unless there is a compelling reason not to do so. Likewise, at present we have two members who might move from Tanzania to South Sudan over the next couple of years.

I can say that our members are happy in their ministries, certainly being challenged and stretched, and making a real difference in people's lives.

**FATHER JOHN WALDREP, M.M.
AFRICA REGIONAL SUPERIOR**



COUNTRIES IN MISSION

KENYA: 1946

SOUTH SUDAN: 2011

TANZANIA: 1946

UGANDA: 2018

THE LAKE HOUSE OF PRAYER

In 2018 Maryknoll's Lake House of Prayer in Mwanza, Tanzania, continued to welcome lay people as well as religious seeking moments of respite from their hectic lives.

Built on the northeastern shores of Lake Victoria, the Lake House of Prayer—two buildings on diocesan property—is a refuge for people in this densely populated and highly urbanized environment. While open to all seekers, the Lake House of Prayer has a special mission to serve the poor. For them in particular its team seeks to create an enculturated spiritual practice based on faith in Jesus Christ that finds its home in Africa.

The Lake House of Prayer offers unique opportunities for rebuilding lives and relationships. Typically, Tanzanians live in nuclear or extended families, which does not allow for contemplation. For the poor, life is especially stressful. Many experience extreme physical and mental exhaustion. The Lake House of Prayer is their “home

away from home” where they can find privacy and moments of relief.

Many come to the Lake House of Prayer to pray silently for a few minutes. Some come to sleep for a few hours—or even overnight—and rest in the peace of Our Lord. Visitors can take spiritual direction from the Lake House of Prayer's founder, Father Jim Eble, M.M., and a Maryknoll lay missionary who serves with him. Mass is available each morning. Structured programs include centering prayer and guided meditations in the Catholic contemplative tradition. Group retreats for up to 25 people offer time for meditation as well as rest. “Helping people enter their inner life... that's what we facilitate here,” says Father Eble.

Envisioning the future, Father Eble plans to train others to do the work of contemplative prayer so that eventually his mission can be turned over to the local Tanzanian church.



Fr. Jim Eble at the House of Prayer he founded in Mwanza, Tanzania. (Sean Sprague/Tanzania)



ASIA



TAIWAN

In 2018 the Maryknoll Society's Asia Region celebrated 100 years of Maryknoll in Asia. A special ceremony took place in Mainland China on December 8, 2018, to mark the arrival of the first four Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers to China. Since that time, hundreds of Maryknollers have served in Asia. We are working in 12 Asian countries. Maryknollers are involved in a variety of ministries, including parish work, prison ministry, migrant ministry, seminary education and formation, environmental/ecology work, help for human trafficking victims, justice and peace work, HIV/AIDS, community mental health, education and human rights advocacy.



At present, 52 Maryknoll priests and Brothers work alongside 16 Maryknoll volunteers in these 12 countries. Our goal is to help to build up the local Churches where we serve as well as the various NGOs that we work with. From Japan to Papua New Guinea; and from Nepal to Northeast China, Maryknollers continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all with whom we come in contact. Through preaching the Good News and being witnesses of Christ's love, we continue the Maryknoll Mission that started over 100 years ago with the arrival of the first Maryknollers in South China.



NEPAL

**FATHER BRIAN BARRONS, M.M.
ASIA REGIONAL SUPERIOR**

COUNTRIES IN MISSION

BANGLADESH: 1975	NEPAL: 1977
CAMBODIA: 1989	PHILIPPINES: 1926
CHINA: 1918	TAIWAN: 1950
INDONESIA: 1973	THAILAND: 1982
JAPAN: 1933	VIETNAM: 1993
S. KOREA: 1923	
MYANMAR: 2010	

CAMBODIA

A LIFELINE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Like thousands of migrant workers in Taiwan, Thelma Daracan, 28, left a low-paying job in her native Philippines to become a caretaker overseas and provide for her family back home.

When the elderly woman she was caring for passed away after eight months, Thelma's broker placed her in a house to take care of children, cook and do household chores. Like most caretakers in Taiwan, she lived in her employer's house. Her new employer shouted at her and insulted her for little mistakes, she says. The long hours, lack of sleep and stress from recurring verbal abuse made her so sick that she ended up in the hospital.

"Our shelter is open 24 hours a day and people can reach out anytime," says Maryknoll Father Joyalito "Joy" Tajonera, who runs the shelter.

The Ugnayan shelters in the cities of Taichung and Taipei are part of a broader migrant ministry run by volunteers and

Father Tajonera, a native of the Philippines who has been serving in Taiwan for 16 years. Ugnayan, a word that means "connecting" in the Filipino language of Tagalog, has four main components: shelter for distressed migrant workers, a training center where workers can gain vocational skills, advocacy work to change Taiwan's laws to ensure the workers' well-being, and sacramental ministry offering Masses and liturgies where Filipino migrants can practice their Catholic faith.

"To be able to see one person smiling, happy, because he or she was able to come to Ugnayan, stay there, and be able to put himself or herself in a stable living situation, to me, that makes the difference," Father Tajonera says.

Says Thelma: "I want to tell those in Taiwan who have been in the same situation as me to keep fighting and always have faith in God and pray always."



TOP LEFT: Migrants worship on Sunday in churches like Our Mother of Perpetual Help, a former movie theater where Fr. Joyalito Tajonera celebrates Mass in the Tagalog language. TOP RIGHT: Maryknoll Fr. Tajonera offers migrant workers who come to Ugnayan a home away from home as well as spiritual support and hope for the future. BOTTOM: Fr. Tajonera (blue shirt) saying grace before dinner at the Ugnayan Center, Taichung, Taiwan. (Photos by Nile Sprague/Taiwan)



LATIN AMERICA



BOLIVIA

Healers.

That's who we are here in our Maryknoll Society's Latin America Region. There isn't a ministry in which we're involved that is not healing. A word, a touch, a look can – and does – heal body, mind and soul. Life is transformed by proclaiming God's unconditional love to those who know only rejection; or by anointing the hands and forehead of a person ravaged by AIDS; or by gazing compassionately upon those scorned.

For nearly 20 years, I've been supporting and accompanying the residents of the Little Inn of the Good Shepherd, affectionately known in Lima, Peru, as "La Posadita." What began as an AIDS shelter for children is now a safe house for girls and young women who have suffered from sexual violence and trafficking. And in Cochabamba, Bolivia, Fr. Juan Zúñiga heals spiritual and emotional wounds through courses on forgiveness and reconciliation.

Our ministries throughout the region continue to impact positively the lives of so many people—babies, youth, young couples and the elderly. With your involvement, we are making a difference by placing food on the table, offering medical relief and helping people who need to recover before they can fulfill their lives as they journey with Jesus.

We thank you for your support, your prayers and your love.

FATHER JOSEPH FEDORA, M.M.
LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL SUPERIOR



GUATEMALA

COUNTRIES IN MISSION

- BOLIVIA: 1942
- BRAZIL: 1975
- CHILE: 1943
- EL SALVADOR: 1960
- GUATEMALA: 1943
- HONDURAS: 1981
- PERU: 1943

SCHOOLS OF FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

During 2018 Maryknoll's support for a Bolivia-based chapter of Schools for Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Escuelas de Perdón y Reconciliación or ES.PE.RE.) successfully reached more audiences in crisis.

This program trains individuals to manage conflict with the goal of overcoming past trauma and restoring healthy relationships. Breaking the cycle of anger and revenge is the program's key to healing.

Participants join a group of three people referred to as a Confidentiality Group. They continue in the same group for the duration of the workshop, which consists of 12 modules totaling approximately 40 hours of class time.

A participant named Veronica was able to find peace with ES.PE.RE. and the help of Father Juan Zúñiga, M.M., the program's administrator. Veronica had been married for 25 years, mostly as the victim of domestic violence. Her case was complicated. She had difficulty communicating with her three children; and the legal process

she was pursuing obligated her to speak directly with her ex-husband about the status of their joint property and his contribution towards child support.

Through her Confidentiality Group, Veronica discovered that there were other women going through situations worse than hers. When she finished the workshop, Veronica was able to speak with her ex-husband without getting upset. She now communicates better with her children, and she can apply the process of forgiveness and reconciliation to her other relationships. Veronica says she is very grateful for ES.PE.RE. and the leadership of Fr. Zúñiga.

To reach more people in crisis, ES.PE.RE. offered shorter full- or half-day workshops in 2018. The program was also offered at the Maryknoll Mission Center, in parishes, and in prisons. The prison ministry included working with inmates interested in spiritual counseling and preparing for the sacraments.



TOP LEFT: Father Zúñiga with volunteers from ES.PE.RE. and prisoners of a Cochabamba prison at the end of a workshop on forgiveness and reconciliation. TOP RIGHT: Father Zúñiga celebrates Mass in La Salette parish in Cochabamba, where he assists. BOTTOM: Members of the ES.PE.RE. team during a training to teach forgiveness and reconciliation. (Photos by S. Salinas/Bolivia)

100 YEARS OF MISSION SENDING

1918: FIRST SENDING

Departure for South China on September 7th; from left to right; Frs. James E. Walsh, Thomas F. Price, Francis X. Ford, & Bernard F. Meyer, back.



1925



1939



1942



1956



1968



This year we remember and celebrate the centennial of the first Maryknoll Society Mission Sending on September 7, 1918. The committee that has helped us prepare this commemoration has chosen the theme **Called-Sent-Transformed** (called by name in community through Baptism; sent by the Church in missionary discipleship; transformed by love through relationships and thankfulness.) As we continue our mission journey this year, I ask that

all of us make the effort and take the time to prayerfully reflect on this theme both individually and in pastoral groups. This can be an important time of reconnecting with the grace that first brought us to Maryknoll and helped us discern the call to missionary discipleship. I firmly believe that our renewal as a community in mission is interwoven with the renewal of each Maryknoller.

**FATHER RAYMOND J. FINCH, M.M.
SUPERIOR GENERAL**



MOST RECENT

Sending Ceremony for
Maryknoll Frs. Daniel Kim
and Peter Latouf

2015



2011



2000



1981



1970



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Fr. Robert Coyne

UNITED STATES



The missionary efforts of our Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are directed towards international lands outside of the United States, where the Gospel must be proclaimed, and where local Churches need our assistance and accompaniment. However, some of our Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are requested to stay in the United States to help our group function well. Some of these also take care of our infirm missionaries. There are Maryknollers, too, who for reasons of health or age, cannot work any longer on the international missions, but who wish to make a mission contribution here in the United States. Thus, there are about 85 active Maryknollers working in the United States.



For example, two of our elder men began working last year in the Diocese of El Paso, Texas. Along with staffing a parish that has two churches, they also visit young people who have been detained after crossing illegally into the United States. They offer Mass at the detention center, and they also visit, counsel, and hear the confessions of young people.



A good number of men back from the international missions become local ambassadors of Maryknoll and mission here in the United States, living in their home dioceses and helping out in local parishes. We like to think that people everywhere like to hear a mission story or two.

MISSION CENTERS

- CHICAGO, IL
- LOS ALTOS, CA
- MARYKNOLL, NY

FATHER KEVIN HANLON, M.M.
UNITED STATES REGIONAL SUPERIOR

DISCIPULOS MISIONEROS



Young adults at the V Encuentro in Texas (Giovana Soria/Texas)

In 2018 the Maryknoll Society increased and strengthened our commitment to mission formation in the Hispanic/Latino community of the United States.

With the ongoing development of our Discipulos Misioneros (Missionary Disciples) team, Maryknoll had more Hispanic/Latino leaders working with us in 2018 than at any previous time.

These men and women who come with a track record of leadership in their parishes and dioceses are offered and in turn present to others high quality mission formation programs. Our goal is intellectual progress as well as “progress of the heart” so that a network of the faithful can energize others for action in their local communities. With the aid of bilingual resources, our programs included courses in theology and philosophy as well as spiritual discovery to help individuals know where God is calling them. The stories in Maryknoll’s *Misioneros* magazine continue to be especially helpful in modeling ways individuals can express their mission calling.

Other Discipulos Misioneros programs included bilingual workshops, mission education weekend programs, parish missions, and retreats. Participants also had the opportunity to take short-term immersion trips within and outside the United States to acquire firsthand experience in working with the poor and marginalized.

Discipulos Misioneros participated in the U.S. Church’s V Encuentro (National Fifth Encounter), a multi-year project that began in 1972, culminating in 2020. V Encuentro invited young second- and third-generation Hispanics and Latinos to engage in the process of evangelization by discerning God’s call for them. V Encuentro has resulted in a widespread grassroots response to mission in many dioceses among youth and young couples raising families.

Under the direction of a permanent deacon in the Los Angeles area, Discipulos Misioneros also continued its outreach with other national Hispanic committees and organizations. This has expanded our network and visibility throughout the United States.

YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH



Young adults (Courtesy of Anna Johnson)

Welcoming the Church's next generation of leaders and serving their needs for relevance as Catholics was a major concern of the Maryknoll Society in 2018. At the same time,

we wanted to understand why young Catholics are drifting away from the Church even as they continue volunteering for community service in large numbers.

To find answers, our Young Adult Outreach (YAO) team conducted a series of "listening sessions" with more than 100 young adults across 17 cities and towns in 10 states. Program leaders also processed input from over 400 young adults through an online survey. In both cases, team leaders ensured feedback from a diversity of voices and life experiences.

Here are just two of the responses representative of young Catholics concerned about their personal call to mission:

"I believe that it's conversations like this that are making the Church relevant." – Queens, NY

"That Maryknoll would say, 'Let's hear what you're saying,' and really trust that God is actually speaking through us, too... Thank you for asking and listening."
– Seattle, WA

By the close of 2018, Maryknoll's YAO team was operating in five of the most prominent metro areas for young adults: Seattle, the San Francisco Bay area, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York City.

Team members immediately began to lay the foundation for a program in 2020 targeting adults in their 20s and 30s. Participants will be invited to discuss leadership formation, living lives of missionary discipleship, and serving people who are living at the margins of society in keeping with Maryknoll's charism and history. This YAO ministry will also offer a domestic immersion trip designed to bring young people together from across the United States in order to build bridges among themselves, across cultures, through immigration stories, and in different languages.

In becoming missionary disciples, Pope Francis encourages us to leave our comfort zone to have an encounter at the margin. In 2018 Maryknoll offered international immersion trip experiences to Guatemala, El Salvador, Jamaica, Tanzania, Kenya, Bolivia and Mexico; as well as domestic immersion experiences in Appalachia, San Francisco and El Paso/Juarez.

Through these trips, front-line parish ministers experienced firsthand the realities of global solidarity. These encounters have enriched their ministries at home and challenged them to explore new ways of engaging others in mission. Our trip to Appalachia focused on the call to Care for Creation in Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*. One participant, who coordinates RCIA in his parish noted: *"There is pain, suffering and tremendous struggle. Yet, the message is clear: It's about planting one tree at a time. It's the impact of one family, one farmer, one healed woman, one clinic, one solar panel. It's each person making a choice to live with purpose and with the awareness of God, actively healing in our world. And this stuff is contagious. Faith spreads."*

In addition to Maryknoll-sponsored immersion trips, we've been offering our expertise to groups who are doing their own trips. Over the years, we've also accompanied numerous parish groups along the Texas border with immersion trips to Mexico. A new development is working with universities to bring them overseas to meet Maryknollers in action. A Yale student shared recently: *"This immersion trip was more than I could have expected. The love from the Guatemalans has shown me what it means to be a citizen of the world and that apart from our differences, we can all stand together in solidarity in the face of love. We can take action."*

Another exciting opportunity has been to bring seminarians from New Orleans to Guatemala. As one seminarian reflected: *"The program really opened my eyes to the reality of God being present in the midst of poverty. Another way it impacted me was the importance of meeting people where they are at. Every person is a child of God and every encounter is an opportunity to meet Christ through that person. As a priest, I want to continue to be present to the people as I did there and allowing them to be who they are."*

For those working for the Church, and particularly young adults, including those who are interested in a missionary vocation, the opportunity to engage in mission immersion is limited and cost prohibitive. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Maryknoll has been able to facilitate these life-changing and transformative encounters.



TOP LEFT: *East Africa Immersion Trip 2018* (Courtesy of Matt Dulka) TOP RIGHT: *Central America Immersion Trip 2018* (Courtesy of Matt Dulka) BOTTOM: *Appalachia Immersion Trip 2018*. (Octavio Duran)

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. (*Maryknoll Society Mission Vision*)

As of December 31, 2018, there were 105 members in the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Senior Missioner Community. One is 100 years of age. Thirty-three are in their 90s. Fifty-nine are in their 80s. Eleven are in their 70s. And one is in his 60s. Thus, the Senior Missioner Community has more members than either Maryknoll's U.S. region or any of the overseas regions.

Whether residing at Maryknoll, New York, or elsewhere in the United States, our members remain humbly dedicated to a life of prayer. Each one faithfully remembers those with whom he spent most of his life in overseas missions. They also are steadfastly devoted to praying for vocations and mission. They additionally prioritize the intentions of our benefactors and prayer partners. Several of our members, including some in their 80s and early 90s, are providing meaningful contributions in their local parishes within the United States.

A critical issue for us is that of the ongoing permanent care of our elder members and where this care will be taking place. For those members who may need care that we are unable to provide here in our Assisted Living Unit, outside nursing home facilities must be found; and we must seriously review what services and level of care we will be expecting. We must also have clear policies as to how we hold those facilities accountable to such standards. It is necessary to re-clarify our policies and then take the necessary steps to implement them.

As the Senior Missioner Community Leadership Council members, we who accompany this community's members strive to deal on a personal level with all the members of the Senior Missioner Community. Our goal is to do this on an individual basis with sensitivity and patience, working within Society policies for the welfare of the individual.

Most importantly for you who are our benefactors and fellow partners in mission, be assured that we in the Senior Missioner Community remember you, your loved ones and your intentions in our daily prayers and Masses.

**FATHER ED MCGOVERN, M.M.
SENIOR MISSIONER COMMUNITY SUPERIOR**



TOP: Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers at the Benefactors' Mass. (Diane Mastrogiulio/NY)

BOTTOM: Br. John Blazo giving a Maryknoll tour at Maryknoll headquarters in New York. (Diane Mastrogiulio/NY)

SEMINARY RENOVATIONS

The most significant event of the year centered on the unprecedented move of the more than 50 residents of our skilled-care Mission St. Teresa's facility to the Center building. This necessitated many months of preparation. The actual move itself went smoothly for the most part, especially given the accelerated timeline. It was very helpful that many members from the Center buddied up with individual Mission St. Teresa's residents, helping them pack and accompany them the day of the actual move. Our staff members participated with a herculean ef-

fort. The returning members like their new rooms, which are more senior friendly. These members also appreciate the second-floor dining area and our new Holy Spirit Chapel, which had previously served as a library. Our new physical therapy room on the ground floor is much brighter and receives even more regular participants than at Mission St. Teresa's. We are working to create and foster a sense of one integrated community residing here at the Center, rather than maintaining one's previous Mission St. Teresa's or Center identity.



JOE

Jay Weingarten/MN



Joe and his late wife, Alice, have been a part of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers for close to 50 years. He says, "It is awesome to be 96 years old and still be able to give and be part of the mission of Maryknoll."

Joe lives on his farm in southwest Minnesota and he and his sons, Jim (pictured here along with Joe and Maryknoll Father Peter Le Jacq) and Dennis manage over 5,000 hogs each year as well as growing corn and soybeans. Until recently Joe would be out on his tractor mowing the large farmstead, which he said would take

him about six hours. He loved to bake pies for his wife and children and made beef jerky for all his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He says he never misses daily Mass and rosary on TV.

If you want to see Joe's eyes light up, just ask him about his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

With Joe's wonderful example of his life-long giving to the poor throughout the world, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' future continues to shine. We are most blessed for his loving support of over 50 years.

JENNIFER



Diane Mastrogiulio/Maryknoll, NY

Jennifer has known Maryknoll all of her life. Born in Hong Kong, she knew Maryknoll priests from her church and later attended Maryknoll Sisters Convent School. She still keeps in touch with those Maryknollers today.

As the oldest daughter growing up in a Chinese family, she wasn't valued and was forced to work in a factory at age 12. Jennifer wanted to continue her studies. Fr. Raymond Nobiletti, her parish priest at the time, helped Jennifer gain admission to the Sisters' school and arranged for scholarships.

Later, while attending college in the United States through an exchange program, Jennifer met the love of her life. Jennifer and her late husband Brian made their life in North Carolina, where she worked in the computer software field and had three children.

Jennifer loves Maryknoll and is happy to help in whatever way she can. She and Brian always planned to educate their children and use the rest of their financial blessings to give back to the missions that benefited her and so many others. Jennifer has an annuity with Maryknoll and has remembered the missions in her bequest.

Since she was a little girl, she always wanted to do mission work and her dream came true when she volunteered in a Maryknoll short-term mission program in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco. There she prayed with, loved, clothed and fed homeless people and enjoyed daily Mass and spiritual sharing with other volunteers. Today Jennifer continues to volunteer at her church in Apex, brings Communion to seniors and homebound people and chaperones youth mission trips.

FR. THEISEN'S FAMILY

Diane Mastrogiulio/Maryknoll, NY



Maryknoll Fr. Eugene Theisen, who went to God late last year, was certainly a beloved Maryknoll Missioner as well as a very loved member of his own family in Wisconsin and Minnesota. On Benefactors Day in October 2017 six of Father Gene's family members came from Wisconsin to spend the weekend with him.

One of his cousins, Annie (who attended) said they were all truly blessed to have spent the time with their beloved Father Gene, because he died shortly after their visit. Annie is pictured here with two of her sisters, Ellen and Mary. They brought up the gifts at the Offertory during the Mass that weekend.

In the latter part of his life Father Gene would visit as often as he could with his

family, taking turns staying with each of them. Annie and her husband Dick would often take Father Gene on long, leisurely, boat rides up and down the Mississippi River on their pontoon boat in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Dick even took Father Gene flying in his small plane, which the priest enjoyed immensely. Annie said Father Gene always had such wonderful things to say about God's great beauty in everything he saw and in everyone he met.

Recalling Father Eugene Theisen's family's loving support of his and all of Maryknoll's work, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are grateful for this beautiful family's relationship and commitment to mission.



IN GRATITUDE TO OUR FRIENDS IN MISSION

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers thank God for our "Friends of Mission" listed here whose prayers and support send Maryknoll around our world to offer the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your part in our shared vocation of our Church's Mission has everlasting effects for humanity as a whole and for individuals who experience God's love. We pray that you too enjoy these personal effects both now and forever.

*"I no longer call you servants,
because a servant does not know
his master's business. Instead, I have
called you friends, for everything
that I learned from my Father I have
made known to you."* – JOHN 15:15



LARGEST ESTATES OF 2018



Our Lady of Maryknoll

Estate of William Loichot

Estate of Henry Lauer

Estate of James K Gordon

Estate of Mary B. Thompson

Estate of Ramona Baker

Estate of Ann Mccullough

Estate of Prudence Paliotta

Estate of Leo Mullin

Estate of Dorothy Mckarns

Estate of Marie & Francis Dykeman

A LASTING LEGACY

Your loyalty and generosity are beyond measure. With your faithful support of our Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers through a charitable gift, such as a Bequest or Gift Annuity, you have enabled us to both plan for the future and to further our mission of sharing the Good News of the Gospel and God's love around the globe as well as helping to strengthen the baptismal missionary vocations of Catholics here in the United States.

In gratitude for your commitment to create a lasting legacy for the people we serve, we joyfully enroll you in our Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Legacy Society. We will include you and your family in a prayerful remembrance at a Maryknoll Legacy Society Mass which is held annually on November 1, All Saints Day. Along with a subscription to our Stewardship Newsletter, we promise you a weekly remembrance at Mass every Friday at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel, Maryknoll, NY as well as in the prayers and Masses of our Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers who have been honored to serve for over 100 years of Mission Sending across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the United States.

“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” – LUKE 6:38

Contributions received by the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers support the global missionary ministries of Maryknoll priests and Maryknoll Brothers, as well as the formation and education of Maryknoll priesthood and brotherhood candidates whom God is calling to serve in mission. The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers serve in more than 20 countries. This includes mission education outreach in the United States. The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers also generously support many senior Maryknoll priests and Maryknoll Brothers who continue their lives of ministry through prayer and witness.

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."

Maryknoll Society Mission Vision



CATHOLIC FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2018

REVENUE

PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$ 60,660,320
REVENUE	(\$ 5,262,901)
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$ 55,397,419

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 82,834,926
SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$ 18,661,515
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 101,496,441

Changes in net assets before other losses & pension related changes	(\$ 46,099,022)
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Other losses not reflected in functional expenses	(\$ 2,910,000)
Pension related changes not reflected in functional expenses	15,227,134

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR	(\$ 33,781,888)
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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Fr. Thomas O'Brien (Assistant General), Fr. Raymond Finch (Superior General), Fr. Joseph Everson III (Vicar General) and Fr. Russell Feldmeier (Assistant General)

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(Maryknoll Society Mission Vision)

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.

(Maryknoll Society Mission Vision)

RESPONDING TO CHRIST IN OTHERS

Jesus told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the five loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied."

While Maryknoll does not see "multitudes" of visitors for Sunday Mass or special events, our history of feeding multitudes of families in the community is well known.

Since 1999, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' one-acre farm, Pachamama, which is located on the property at Maryknoll, NY, has yielded several tons of fresh, organic vegetables each year

which are distributed to food pantries serving the Ossining community and surrounding areas. Pachamama, a Quechua language word meaning "Earth Mother" has been feeding many grateful people on the fringes of society, including those with HIV/AIDS.

The original idea for the outreach came from Mary J. Murphy, a Maryknoll Affiliate from the Westchester Chapter. Her mission statement for the farm was "Harvest food for people. Harvest people for God." Twenty years later, under the supervision of Fr. Fern Gosselin, volunteers from the receiving pantries along with Maryknoll Sisters and employees and their families go to the farm weekly to help harvest and distribute the bounty. Truly the Gospels come alive in these efforts "In doing this for the needy, you did it for me." (Matthew 25:40)





This is the Mission Sending Cross that each Maryknoll priest and Brother receives at his first departure.



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