

IMPACT REPORT 2020

A word cloud of 100+ words related to the Maryknoll mission, set against a background of a world map. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with the most prominent words in the center. The words include: hope, adaptability, love, mission, resilience, compassion, sacrifice, faith, promise, vision, generous, believe, charitable, devoted, selfless, noble, gracious, caring, joy, understanding, pray, intention, trinity, pledge, spiritual, loyal, giving, accomplishment, kindness, confidence, worship, mindfulness, communication, care of creation, committed, commune, empathy, helpfulness, tolerance, courageous, essential, offering, youth, and help. The words are in various shades of blue, green, and yellow, and are of different sizes, with the largest words being 'hope', 'adaptability', 'love', 'mission', and 'resilience'.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

03	Reflections From Our Maryknoll Missioners	32	Senior Missioner Community
04	A Message From the Superior General	34	In Gratitude To Our Friends In Mission
06	Global Apostolic Ministries	38	Friends In Mission
08	Office of Vocations	40	Your Legacy, Your Mission
12	Africa	41	Community Outreach
16	Asia	42	Nourishing Bodies and Souls
20	Latin America	44	Stewardship
24	Hope, Resilience and Adaptability	45	Leadership
26	United States	46	Maryknoll in the U.S.
28	United States Together In Mission	47	Eco-Mission
30	Mission by the Book		

Photography in the age of Coronavirus
Some photos are pre-pandemic. Others reflect local protocols at the time the photograph was taken.

REFLECTIONS *From Our Maryknoll Missioners*

“Today may seem dark, but resurrection is coming. Together we will get through this dark time. And Christ can show us the way.”
— *Fr. Jonathan Hill, Tanzania*

“We are simply trying to do our part to serve other’s needs.”
— *Fr. James Kroeger, Manila*

“With so many social problems interlinked, it’s hard to calculate the full effect of COVID-19 on Cambodia’s population. But, as is so often the case, those already in distress are especially challenged by crises, one way or another.”
— *Fr. Kevin Conroy, Cambodia*

“The challenge isn’t only to find new ways of doing mission, but also the opportunity to embrace ‘the newness of mission.’”
— *Bro. Marty Shea, Latin America Region*

“The seminarians do not know if the quarantine will be extended; but one thing they are sure of – they will be here as long as they are needed.”
— *Matthew Sim and Charley Ogony Seminarians, Bolivia*

“We couldn’t ignore the emotional needs the pandemic created in the lives of prospects who reached out to us for an application to Maryknoll.”
— *Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa, Vocations*

“I asked a fervent teacher at our language school about conditions at her church and she said that she doesn’t go to church until the pandemic ends.”
— *Fr. Gene Murray, Taiwan*

LETTER FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL



*I*n the first words of the Nicene Creed, we say, “I believe in one God, the Father Almighty.” This is not a statement of fact, but rather a statement of faith -- Faith that ensures us that even in the darkest times, God is watching over us and protecting us; Faith that gives us hope and resilience to weather any storm on the horizon; Faith that helps us adapt to ongoing changes in our lives and in the world in general.

This past year has seemingly been one of darkness. I think the

disciples must have felt very much the same as their Lord marched up the hill to Calvary to be put to death; but from that darkness, and from all that we have endured in 2020, individually and collectively, comes the promise of new life and new salvation, as it did 2,000 years ago with the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Our faith gives us hope, knowing even when it feels like things are falling apart God is always leading us to new life.

Resilience is defined as the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or significant sources of stress. Not only was this resilience displayed by our Members, our employees and our essential workers, but it was displayed by you, our friends in Mission, who stood by our side and provided the continued support we need to keep moving forward in these challenging times – not only here at home where we faced loss of family and friends, but in our Mission overseas where those who are already living on the fringes of society were even more severely impacted by this pandemic.

Throughout the regions where we serve, our Missioners are learning to adapt to the “new normal” through the use of whatever technology may be available to continue sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sunday Mass from Our Lady Queen of Apostles Chapel here at the Society Center has been live streamed on social media to ensure we remain connected with all those who support us or are in need of our support. We continue outreach through webinars promoting Missionary Discipleship.

When I wrote to you in last year’s Annual Impact Report summarizing the past six years under Maryknoll’s current General Council, I never imagined that there would be one more letter to write. I hope it has left you with the feelings of Hope, Resilience and Adaptability and a renewed faith. God continues to sow the seeds of new life in Christ throughout the world. May we continue to discover and cultivate those seeds and join our efforts to His perfect plan even through difficult times.

Thankfully in Christ,

Fr. Raymond Finch, M.M.
Superior General

MARYKNOLL MISSION VISION:

- Our Commitment
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Responsible Stewardship
- Who We Are and What We Are Challenged to Become
- Our Spiritual Heritage
- Sharing the Maryknoll Spirit with Others

“We need to recover our memory because memory will come to our aid. This is not humanity’s first plague; the others have become mere anecdotes. We need to remember our roots, our tradition which is packed full of memories.”

GLOBAL APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

*"I'm living this as a time of great uncertainty.
It's a time for inventing, for creativity."*

— POPE FRANCIS

COMMUNICATION



Transmission Equipment for Communication Pastoral/Brazil

CONSTRUCTION & EQUIPMENT



Well, St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kochia,
Diocese of Homa Bay/Kenya

CARE OF CREATION



Pilot Agricultural Project/Kenya

EDUCATION, FORMATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT



School Tutoring Program/Bolivia

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



Young Adult Evangelization and Formation/China

HEALTH & SOCIAL WELFARE



Response to Internally Displaced/Refugees Projects and Human
Development Projects/Nepal

HUMAN RIGHTS



Migrant Ministry to Foreign Migrant Workers and New
Immigrants/Taiwan

YOUTH MINISTRY



Children's Program/Tanzania

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Father Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M.

The vocation to be a Maryknoll Priest or Brother is a life-long decision. Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' Office of Vocations is responsible for the recruitment and accompaniment of young men to discern a vocation with Maryknoll to a life of mission overseas. During the course of 2020, significant events took place which improved current recruiting strategies by expanding our creativity. As Vocations Director, I focused on the vision of our founders, Bishop James A. Walsh and Father Thomas Frederick Price, to attract quality men to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the source of our vocation.



Father Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M.

As I write this on the Feast of the Epiphany, I am reminded of the three Magi who searched for the star. Likewise, we keep searching for vocation candidates. In a time when inquiries are down, we trust in God's providence and look up to find the star again that leads us to abundance.

Creating an environment where vocation stories are told is what we do best; because when prospects read our story, we hope they see a reflection of their own lives. This past year, we were able to innovate and invigorate our online vocational material within the framework of stories, which reflected the current trends of today. We changed the delivery of our message, strengthened our media vocational content, expanded our Maryknoll presence online and significantly transported our vocational advertisements to places where

young people gather: the internet world. I was blessed to have joined a vocation director's peer support group, which meets monthly, to discuss important issues that relate to young folks seeking admission to a religious life. We couldn't ignore the emotional needs the pandemic created in the lives of prospects who reached out to us for an application to Maryknoll. Hence, our discernment approach was fine-tuned to include a pastoral component to our vocabulary by which we gave hope and encouragement, as well as motivation to prospects who needed prayer.

The Vocations office here in the U.S. has solidified ties with the Asia, Africa, and the Latin America regions by enhancing the communication among the vocation representatives of those areas. As we look forward, our desire is to continue working together and pave the way for future vocation ministers. Motivated by mission, respectful of God's people and held together by a Maryknoll vocation, may God give success to the work of our hands.

The Vocations office sincerely thanks every vocation minister and Society member for their commitment and dedication to the success of this office.

Father Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M.

Director of Vocations



Father Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M. sets up visual equipment for a Vocations presentation at the Extraordinary Month of Mission event. (D. Mastrogiulio/U.S.)

GREGORY MCPHEE GIVES UP CAREER AS A LAWYER TO BECOME A MARYKNOLL PRIEST



Maryknoll Father Gregory McPhee following his ordination on August 22, 2020, at Maryknoll, NY (Octavio Duran/US)

As a criminal defense lawyer in Syracuse, NY, Gregory McPhee enjoyed his job, but he knew deep down that something was missing. "It just felt like I wasn't really helping people in the way they needed to be helped," says McPhee, explaining that he was more focused on getting people acquitted than turning their lives around.

Then the Holy Spirit intervened and led him on the path to missionary priesthood, to accompany the world's most vulnerable people in their search for God's love and light. He was ordained to do that as a Maryknoll priest on August 22, 2020.

The journey's been rather circuitous for the athletic attorney. Born in Florida, he moved with his parents to upstate NY at two years old, eventually settling in Syracuse, which he now calls home.

After receiving his bachelor's degree with a double major in politics and economics, McPhee earned a master's degree in liberal arts in the Great Books program, a curriculum favoring reading and discussing the great literary works of Western civilization. "I loved learning and sharing new ideas," says McPhee. "Then I felt I needed to do something more hands-on with people."

He pursued a law degree at the University of California Berkeley. His motivation was to help people and be their advocate but admits he was fueled by humanitarian rather than faith-based concerns. "I believed in God and always had a Catholic perspective, but I had stopped going to church. I had become very secular and focused on the things of this world."



Left: Deacon Gregory McPhee greeting parishioners after Mass at St. Ita's Parish, Chicago (Courtesy Father Gregory McPhee, M.M.); Top right: Deacon Gregory McPhee. Bottom right: Ordination Day at Maryknoll, NY August 22, 2020 (left to right): Maryknoll Superior General Father Raymond Finch, Maryknoll Father Gregory McPhee, Archdiocese of New York Auxiliary Bishop Edmund J. Whalen, and Maryknoll Father Russell Feldmeier (Octavio Duran/U.S.)



A profound spiritual experience changed everything for the young lawyer. "I had gone my own way, and then God was there to receive me when I came back, with all that love and forgiveness that helped me to heal and change, change in the sense of finding myself in God."

He responded by serving his community building houses, volunteering with the homeless, and bringing Communion to the homebound. He gave up his law practice and began teaching paralegals.

Meanwhile, his prayer life deepened. Seeking spiritual direction from the late Jesuit Father George Coyne who helped McPhee discern his call to overseas mission, the young man contacted the

Maryknoll Society. "It felt like family when I visited," McPhee was sent to Bolivia for language training, where he enjoyed learning Spanish and getting the taste of another culture. "That confirmed my call to Maryknoll and mission," he says. He was accepted into the Maryknoll Society as a candidate for priesthood in 2012 and joined other candidates at the Maryknoll formation house in Chicago.

Two years of overseas training in Tanzania not only solidified his vocation but further deepened his spiritual life. "The people taught me because they were Christ-like in their compassion and acceptance of me," he says. Their patience, as he grappled with their Swahili language, helped him to accept himself and put more faith in God, as they do.

AFRICA

COVID-19 ALTERED THE DAILY LIVES OF MILLIONS OF KENYANS

Father John W. Waldrep, M.M.

CCOVID-19 struck Kenya in mid-March 2020 and altered the daily life of Maryknollers in Kenya. From March until mid-July, the national government instituted a nationwide curfew, banning public meetings, closing all educational institutions, suspending international air travel, curtailing domestic travel, closing all restaurants, imposing masking and social distancing regulations, and severely limiting public worship. The economic consequences were catastrophic. The formal economy contracted dramatically, and the urban informal economy was on the verge of collapse. Many businesses closed for months. Unemployment among informal workers shot to over 50%, and food prices soared because of travel restrictions. Millions of Kenyans could not feed their families, pay their rent, or meet medical expenses. Many urban dwellers moved back to their ancestral rural homes hoping to meet their basic needs in the countryside. As there was very little testing in rural areas, no one is sure of the infection rate in Kenya, but some studies estimated that 50% of Nairobi's population was COVID-19-positive and asymptomatic, the mortality rate being highest among the elderly and those with co-morbidities such as asthma and heart disease. In late July, the government relaxed some of its control measures, but mandatory masking and social distancing continued throughout the year. Kenya saw some economic strength restored in the last quarter of the year.

Maryknollers in Kenya practiced strict masking and social distancing, many suspending their public ministries or conducting ministry virtually. The discernment/formation community went into semi-quarantine; university studies became virtual and pastoral ministry and spiritual direction were discontinued. We engaged a COVID-19 testing service for our candidates and employees several times during 2020, all of whom tested negative throughout the year.

The reality in Tanzania was somewhat different, the first case striking there a few weeks after the first case was seen in Kenya. At first, it looked like we were going to experience something short of lock-down with Tanzania taking the same precautions as Kenya. For a few months we took measures at Church keeping only three people to a pew, no singing, vainly encouraging mask-wearing, and putting sanitizing stations at the entrances. After a short time, the President declared three days of prayer, and then announced that

God had miraculously rid Tanzania of COVID-19. He also ordered a stop to reporting the COVID-19 infection and death rate. Still, it soon became obvious that while COVID-19 was a reality in Tanzania, we had been spared what so many other countries were going through. We knew that the country wasn't COVID-19 free, but neither was COVID-19 the scourge that it was elsewhere, and most people have returned to living fairly normal lives.

Father John W. Waldrep, M.M.

Africa Regional Superior



The Parish of Buza, Dar es Salaam, where Father John Waldrep, M.M. is pastor. Father Waldrep blessing the sick at Sunday Mass. (S. Sprague/Tanzania)



Father Waldrep, M.M. visiting a house where a woman is sick with HIV. (S. Sprague/Tanzania)

COUNTRIES IN MISSION

KENYA:1946

TANZANIA: 1946

SOUTH SUDAN: 2011

UGANDA: 2018

AFRICA

BLINDNESS PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION, SOUTH SUDAN

Father John Barth, M.M.

South Sudan has arguably the highest rate of preventable and treatable eye disease in the world. Cataracts are the primary cause of preventable blindness in South Sudan; Trachoma and Onchocerciasis (river blindness) are not far behind.

In South Sudan and in neighboring Uganda, Father John Barth, M.M. is active in providing care for the blind, those with eye diseases and others in need. Uganda's Palabek Refugee Settlement is where Father Barth makes his rounds. He refers people suffering from cataracts and other ailments to clinics for advanced treatment. Throughout the pandemic, Father Barth continued to assist blind people of all ages and provide treatment, prevention and rehabilitation services.

A surgical eye camp was being planned for Kapoeta, South Sudan but fell victim to the pandemic. There is a backlog of untreated eye disease in this area, which Father Barth hopes to address once the border reopens between Uganda and South Sudan.

In 2020, Father John continued his long-term association with the NGO, Christian Blind Mission (CBM) based in Italy and Germany. Together they worked to establish a new, secondary-level eye clinic at the St. Joseph Mission Hospital in Kitgum, Uganda. The clinic serves a population of over two million rural Ugandans, as well as refugees from South Sudan.

Top, Page 15: Father John Barth, M.M. meets with the staff at the Palabek Settlement.

Bottom, Page 15: A small child getting his eyes examined at a mobile eye camp will regain his sight thanks to Father John's program.

Courtesy of John Barth/South Sudan



ASIA

PASTORAL OUTREACH AND CARE

Father Joseph McCabe, M.M.

The ASIA REGION of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers has completed a most difficult and challenging year. As early as December of 2019, we were aware of a new and dangerous virus spreading out from China. Those of us in China and in bordering countries noticed a growing concern as whole populations returned to the SARS-like years, wearing surgical masks whenever outside.

By February, social distancing rules began in earnest in China, Hong Kong, Korea, the Philippines, and Taiwan, and then spread quickly to the rest of South Asia and Japan. Not only were we aware of the spread of COVID-19 throughout Asia, but people we worked with were directly affected by it.

By mid-March, we adapted to new forms of pastoral outreach and care. Zoom Masses soon were upgraded to live-streaming Masses or taping for YouTube. Masses and other ceremonies were forcibly shut by governments and health authorities. Schools were closed, and students were forced to discover new methods of study “on-line” which - sadly - bypassed the most vulnerable of students whose families did not possess a home computer nor have WiFi. Thankfully, teachers in Maryknoll-operated schools were especially solicitous in keeping in touch with students, or adapting methods allowing those without the tools at home to sit in special classrooms -- while observing social-distancing.

Our works with migrant ministries or ministering to foreign migrant workers was severely impacted by government regulations; but Brothers John Beeching, M.M. and Tim Raible, M.M. kept up with myriad migrants in Bangkok, while Father Lo Dam, M.M. continued his specialized migrant ministry in Japan’s Nagoya Diocese, working out of a parish in Toyama, among mostly Vietnamese Catholic groups.

Our works in Taiwan were the least impacted given their government’s quick and decisive methods of stemming the spread of the disease.



Maryknoll Father Joseph McCabe presiding over Zoom Mass during COVID-19. (Courtesy of Maryknoll Archives)



Memorial Mass for Maryknoll Father John Ahearn. (Courtesy of Joseph McCabe/Hong Kong)

In Korea and Japan, the virus caused quite a disruption in public Masses and ministries. Nonetheless, our Maryknollers continue to do what they are able within the regulations of social distancing and lock-downs, almost all becoming adept at Zoom or similar technologies.

In the Philippines, Fathers Jim Ferry, M.M. and Jim Kroeger, M.M., are under strict lockdowns due to their age. Yet even they have grown and developed in the medium of Zoom and taping conferences and classes, as well as keeping in touch with each other and others in the Region.

Throughout Southeast Asia, most ministry has been slowed due to restrictions. Almost every Maryknoller has experienced stresses placed on his works because of the inability to move around freely. What the people face, we face. However, we are challenged to also be beacons of hope to those around us whose lives have been shattered through lock-downs and forced separations.

Happily, no Maryknoller in Asia has been positively diagnosed with COVID. Some of us are checked regularly as a precaution. As a Region, we have learned to communicate through phone calls and Zoom meetings. On local levels, we’ve set up ways of checking in with our members who are mostly living on their own far from others, as a way of shoring up support for them and for their people.

Entering a new Lunar New Year, we hope and pray that the challenges of 2020 will lead to a more hopeful and resilient future. We’ve been challenged to adapt - and for the most part, we have been successful, thanks to the continual support of our community and benefactors.

Father Joseph V. McCabe, M.M.

Asia Regional Superior

COUNTRIES IN MISSION

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

ASIA

CAMBODIAN MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

Father Kevin Conroy,
Maryknoll Priest Associate

Although Cambodia shut its borders in April of this year in a move to combat the spread of COVID-19 and keep the virus at bay, the impact of the pandemic on this already battered country is evident. From the result of the genocide of the Khmer Rouge killing fields to civil war, economic collapse, the AIDS epidemic and human trafficking, the Cambodian people have suffered an astonishing amount in recent years, evidenced by the high rates of trauma and mental illness. Father Conroy is well prepared to work in such an environment.

The missionary from Cleveland, Ohio, has a doctoral degree in clinical mental health counseling and a deep knowledge of the mental health field. "There is trauma at all levels of society, from the poorest to the richest, from the youngest to the oldest," he says. While individuals with firsthand memories of Khmer Rouge atrocities are fewer each year, he says, the scars remain in their children and grandchildren. "Trauma gets passed down through generations, as does resultant mental illness," he explains.

Father Conroy's mission involves teams of mental health workers visiting remote rural areas to serve people suffering from schizophrenia, depression and other mental illnesses. Those areas have few facilities to treat such cases. Cambodia's mental health budget is only 0.02 percent of its total health budget, with just two hospitals in the country having psychiatric facilities.



Father Kevin Conroy celebrating Sunday mass at a Vietnamese Catholic church on the border with Cambodia and Vietnam. (S.Sprague /Cambodia)



Father Kevin Conroy, M.M. showing mental patients chained up by their family to prevent them being violent. Name of persons withheld. (S. Sprague /Cambodia)

The Maryknoll Mental Health Program/Mobile Team works in concert with a number of NGOs to provide an extensive mental health outreach to remote villages in Cambodia. Their services include:

- treating people with mental disorders, sometimes literally freeing them from chains or cages to live more productive lives;
- providing support for the patients' families;
- providing referrals to organizations that can assist with job training, education, medical care or housing;
- providing referrals to local mental health services;
- offering workshops and training health center staff and local leaders in the detection, prevention and treatment of mental health disorders.

The mission team makes sure such patients are treated with anti-psychotic medications, while their families and wider village communities receive counseling to help deal with the illness in their midst. "By treating one mentally ill person, it's as if we were healing the whole village," Father Conroy says.

This work has continued through the COVID-19 pandemic. The major difference is that now, on arriving at a village, teams start with a presentation about hygiene, mask wearing and social distancing so that people are made aware of the dangers of the virus. Father Conroy notes that, early on in the outbreak, he repurposed \$3,000 from his mental health budget to cover masks and sanitizer for provincial hospitals. "We were the first to get those essential deliveries out there," he adds.

With so many social problems interlinked, it's hard to calculate the full effect of COVID-19 on Cambodia's population. Maryknoll missionaries have played an important role in helping many Cambodians, before and during the pandemic. But, as is so often the case, those already in distress are especially challenged by crises, one way or another.

LATIN AMERICA

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE MISSIONARY ENDEAVORS IN THE LATIN AMERICA REGION

Father Joseph Fedora, M.M.

It's very telling that the busiest missionary in the Latin America Region during this pandemic is Father Dennis Moorman, M.M., an expert in trauma healing. In Brazil, he's working as hard as ever, even as the workload for the rest of us in the Region has been severely curtailed.

"In 2020, I was still able to virtually give 41 workshops in eight countries reaching 1,364 persons," says Moorman. "There was a heightened awareness for the need of this type of healing trauma due to the traumatizing nature of the pandemic on people's lives."

It has been widely reported in the U.S. how the pandemic has shined a light on – and exacerbated - the disparity between those who have and those who have not. This phenomenon is universal and magnified in the countries where Maryknollers serve.

In Bolivia, it pains Father Paul Masson, M.M. to speak of the suffering of the poor all around him. "One young man hanged himself because he did not want to be a burden," he says. "A 14-year-old girl took rat poison after her mother and older brother died of COVID-19. Thankfully, she was rushed to the hospital and survived...and the list goes on".

In Peru, Father Kyungsu Son, M.M.'s ministry training blind students in the art of massage came to a screeching halt with COVID-19. Social distancing for people who "see" – and earn their livelihood – through touch, proved devastating. "All the money that was designated for teaching was used for care packages. Some of the students were left homeless, begging in the streets."

Almost all pastoral work in the Region is now done virtually. Masses, retreats, Bible studies, counseling, even sick calls and wakes are conducted on-line. In my AIDS ministry, weekly support groups continue, and protest/activism has moved from the streets to the social networks. Recently, an on-line petition demanding the Peruvian government change its policy denying COVID-19 vaccines to people living with HIV, succeeded.



Father Joseph Fedora, M.M. saying Mass at his beach condominium. (S.Sprague/Peru)

Yet the seminarians adapted. Matthew Sim from Singapore accepted a live-in arrangement to assist with the day-to-day care of residents at a nursing home, even as other international volunteers fled the country. Joshua Mutende from Kenya transformed a rat-infested lot into a beautiful flower and vegetable garden. And Diego Gomez, a physician from Mexico, received permission from the Bolivian government to offer his services at local hospitals.

One tragic casualty of COVID-19 was our Maryknoll Mission Center in Latin America, a noble institution, with a 55-year history of service in language studies and mission formation for religious and laypeople from around the world. With the ban on international travel and gatherings, the Center became unsustainable and was forced to close its doors.

The Pascal Mystery teaches us that through death comes life. Brother Marty Shea, M.M., the Region's resident poet, asks, "How do we redefine mission in the midst of a pandemic that denies our very presence with a suffering people"? The challenge, he suggests, isn't only to find new ways of doing mission but also the opportunity to embrace "the newness of mission."

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

Now it's a question of when – not if – they'll be vaccinated.

The Latin America Region hosts Maryknoll's Overseas Training Program (OTP), an essential and challenging two-year learning experience "in the field" for seminarians where, aside from learning a new language and culture, the student is immersed into the world of the poor through hands-on ministries, many of which were placed on hold because of the pandemic.

COUNTRIES IN MISSION

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

LATIN AMERICA

TRAUMA HEALING TRAINING

Father Dennis Moorman, M.M.

As a Maryknoll missionary priest, much of Father Dennis Moorman's ministry over the past decade has been devoted to helping people learn to heal from trauma by reconnecting with the healing power within their own body. When we learn to bring our awareness into our body and really listen to the deep wisdom it holds, we also unleash its healing power.

This continues to be most certainly true and needed in this time of the Coronavirus.

While Father Moorman has worked in over 13 countries around the world, last year he was not able to do any physical visits to other countries, but did work virtually with giving workshops and helping with trainings in Bolivia, Brazil, Egypt, India, Japan and Korea with 41 groups, reaching a total of 1,364 persons in the healing of trauma.

Father Moorman's healing workshops last from one to four days each. Official Somatic Experiencing® trainings for therapists are also held, these ranging from four to six days each.

Father Moorman is certified as a personal session provider, as well as a supervisor. Training modules range from 10 to 80 students, and volunteer assistants are needed for every three students. The role of assistants who have experience as Somatic Experiencing® Trauma Therapists is very important to carry out these trainings. At AFYA, a women's holistic health center in Joao Pessoa, Paraíba – Brazil, volunteer workers from low-income neighborhoods benefit by receiving support in the way of trauma healing sessions, which they could otherwise not afford.

Top, Left, Page 23: Father Dennis Moorman, M.M. at aikido class, São Paulo, Brazil. (N. Sprague/Brazil)

Top, Right, Page 23: Father Dennis Moorman, M.M. serving Communion. (Courtesy of Maryknoll Archives)

Bottom, Page 23: Father Dennis Moorman, M.M. in prayer service. (Courtesy of Maryknoll Archives)



UNITED STATES

MARYKNOLL DISCOVERS THE NOW OF “ZOOMING”

Father Kevin J. Hanlon, M.M.



Father Kevin J. Hanlon, M.M. at a dedication ceremony for Society Members on the NY campus. (D. Mastrogiulio/U.S.)

As 2020 got underway, the poet’s thought came to mind: “The best laid plans of mice and men often go askew.” The world went askew in 2020, and our plans had to adapt to the new situation. To that end, many Maryknollers who had been heretofore novices on modern technology, learned to communicate with groups through mobile phones and other internet media. One Maryknoll priest, while visiting his sister, found himself “stranded” as the pandemic spread resulting in him spending a peaceful Lent and Easter there. His sister talked him into creating a makeshift altar and chapel in the house, and he live streamed Lent, Holy Week and Easter Masses to all his relatives, who then invited many of their friends and acquaintances. Other Maryknollers have spoken of similar experiences.

In our Mission Education work here in the U.S., Maryknoll discovered the now ubiquitous tool of “Zooming”; we thus broadcast on Zoom and YouTube many educational programs and discussions about important missionary topics. It may be that we reached fewer people this way, but it may also be that we will eventually reach more as some of the videos stay online. At the very least, we hope that many others, who had not normally engaged with Maryknoll, were now able to do so.

Our men working on the border near El Paso, TX reported the most serious lockdowns of movement



Father Kevin J. Hanlon, M.M. in prayer service during retreat. (Courtesy of Joseph Hanlon/Hong Kong)

ordinations and of brothers’ professions were in the 1950s and the early 1960s. Those men are now in their 80s and 90s, and many are here at the Maryknoll Society Center in Ossining, NY, receiving nursing care. In the worst months of the pandemic, a number of them were called home to God. While we experienced a lot of shock and sorrow, we are comforted knowing we now we have many more intercessors who have gone before us. They can now pray for us and the work of Maryknoll. May we all be united in the Heart of Christ as we continue to proclaim Him to the nations.

Father Kevin J. Hanlon, M.M.
United States Regional Superior



Father Kevin J. Hanlon, M.M. presiding over Mass to Society Members at the Maryknoll Mission Center in NY. (D. Mastrogiulio/U.S.)

and gatherings as the pandemic raged there for a time. As with many priests and brothers in the U.S., they found it a time to use the phone and the new Zoom more to stay in touch with the people. Thanks be to God, as with all of us, they are able to congregate more now.

A final note — as many of you know, the largest classes of Maryknoll

UNITED STATES

TOGETHER IN MISSION

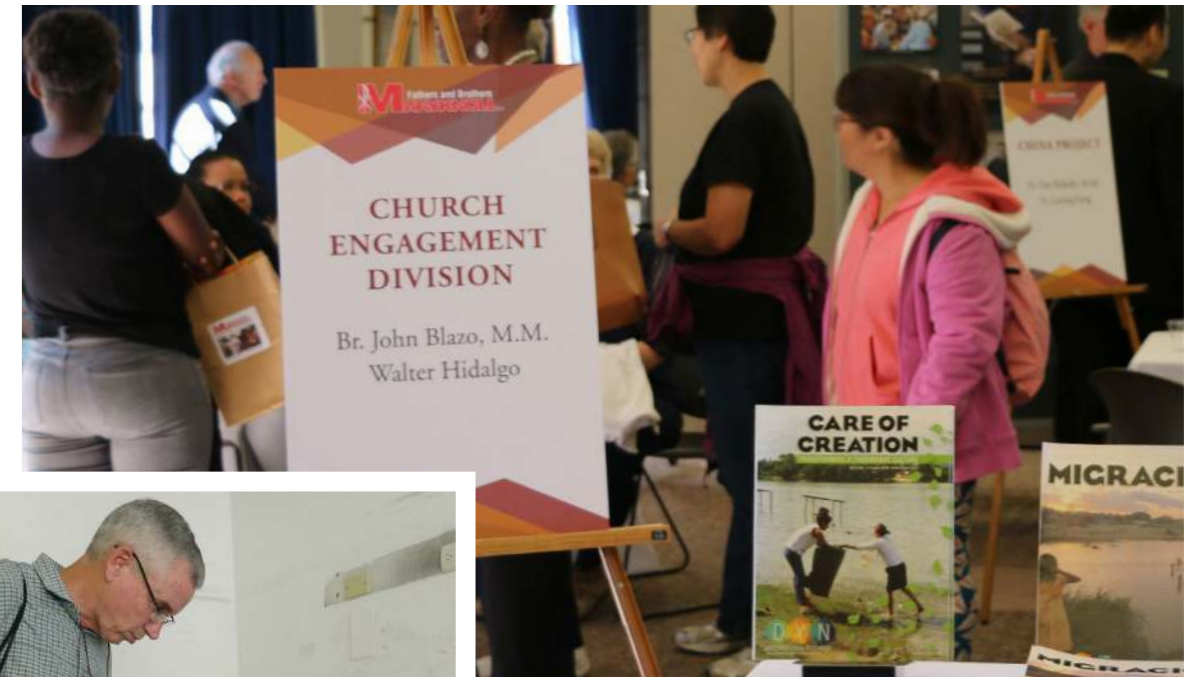
Maryknoll's Church Engagement Division (CED) thought 2020 was going to be our year of strong impact for mission. With a great 2020 plan, the first two months were strong; but, as for all of us, the virus shifted everything in March. Yet, we quickly realized: this is mission. How do we continue to share the Good News of God's love in times of chaos, challenge, and deficit? Maryknoll missionaries have been doing exactly that for over 100 years: adapting, trying new things, and embracing God's newness. By God's grace, we were able to reach even more people than we had planned.

Our work to build global solidarity shifted from immersion trips to webinars with Maryknoll missionaries, sharing how the world was experiencing COVID and how Maryknoll responded. Our classroom lesson plans adapted quickly, engaging students with virtual field trips to other cities and countries, and online lesson plans for the Missionary Discipleship Institute: Walking with Jesus, engaging students from over 30 schools to be missionary disciples in their own homes and neighborhoods. An update to our signature Missionary Discipleship Formation Program brings new digital activities and Zoom breakout rooms, continuing to empower U.S. Church ministers to spread God's Good News in catechesis classrooms and accompaniment ministries. The normal week-long Advanced Missionary Discipleship Seminar transformed into a month-long digital offering; over 30 front-line ministers across the country gathered to reflect and act upon how we can "Weave a Renewed World," building God's Civilization of Love on earth in our current realities.

The growing need for accompaniment within the U.S. Church, particularly among young adults, was fast-tracked with so many people adjusting to their new realities. Knowing that sharing mission also means we need to try new things, we launched new community initiatives. We created weekly Reflection Guides for the Sunday readings and facilitated online gatherings of small Christian communities for ministers in Spanish, breaking open scripture with a missionary lens. Maryknoll Young Adult Empowerment communities launched in September, with 47 young adults in six communities in five cities across the U.S. signing up for two years of spiritual growth, discernment, and action.

We had thought 2020 was going to be our year to make a strong strategic impact for mission in the U.S. Church. This year offered opportunities for ministry transformation and collaboration we never anticipated, breaking down barriers of geographical distance, life circumstances, age, and much more. This year saw Father Mike Bassano, M.M. in South Sudan speak with students in Chicago, and young adults from Kenya

and the U.S. collaborated with Father Joe Healey, M.M. on flood relief. Father Dennis Moorman, M.M. led a young adult retreat from Brazil; and in China, Father Brian Barrons, M.M. shared the China Teacher's Program with colleagues in Texas. So perhaps, 2020 ended up being a year of mission impact for CED in ways we never could have expected, but which were always infused with God's newness and love.



Top: Extraordinary Month of Mission event featuring Vocations and CED. Middle Left: Deacon Kevin McCarthy, team leader of the Teacher-Catechist Outreach. Bottom Left: Father Rodrigo Ulloa-Chavarry, M.M. and Church Engagement Team member, Walter Hidalgo. Bottom Right: Anna Johnson, Young Adult Engagement Team Leader. (Photos Courtesy of Maryknoll Archives)

MISSION BY THE BOOK



Mission, as we know, gives witness to the compassion of Our Lord in healing ways. Orbis Books is one of the more powerful and enduring examples of faith in action.

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers launched Orbis Books in 1970 with the idea of sharing religious thought with the Church and the entire world. Over the years, their titles and list of distinguished authors has grown like a tree of many branches from the tiny mustard seed. In their 50th anniversary year, they are reaching more people than ever before from every walk of life—and from nearly every corner of the globe.

“Orbis” is derived appropriately from the Latin for “world.” That makes Orbis Books a missionary that can go anywhere at any time, to inspire anyone seeking a deeper experience of God’s love. The written word is a powerful tool in evangelizing the world.

For Orbis’ Publisher, Robert Ellsberg, looking back on 2020 is reminiscent of the story from Scripture in which God appeared to the prophet Elijah—not in wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a “still small voice.” Rather than the roar of an earthquake, the pandemic this year has been more like a still small voice. In the stillness of this crisis, all of us were challenged to see and listen in new ways. What was it showing us? What did we hear?

As Pope Francis noted in his recent letter to Orbis, we cannot emerge from such a crisis as we have experienced this year the same as we were before: we must become either better or worse. And that will depend on our capacity to go deeper—in our capacity for compassion, solidarity, and community.

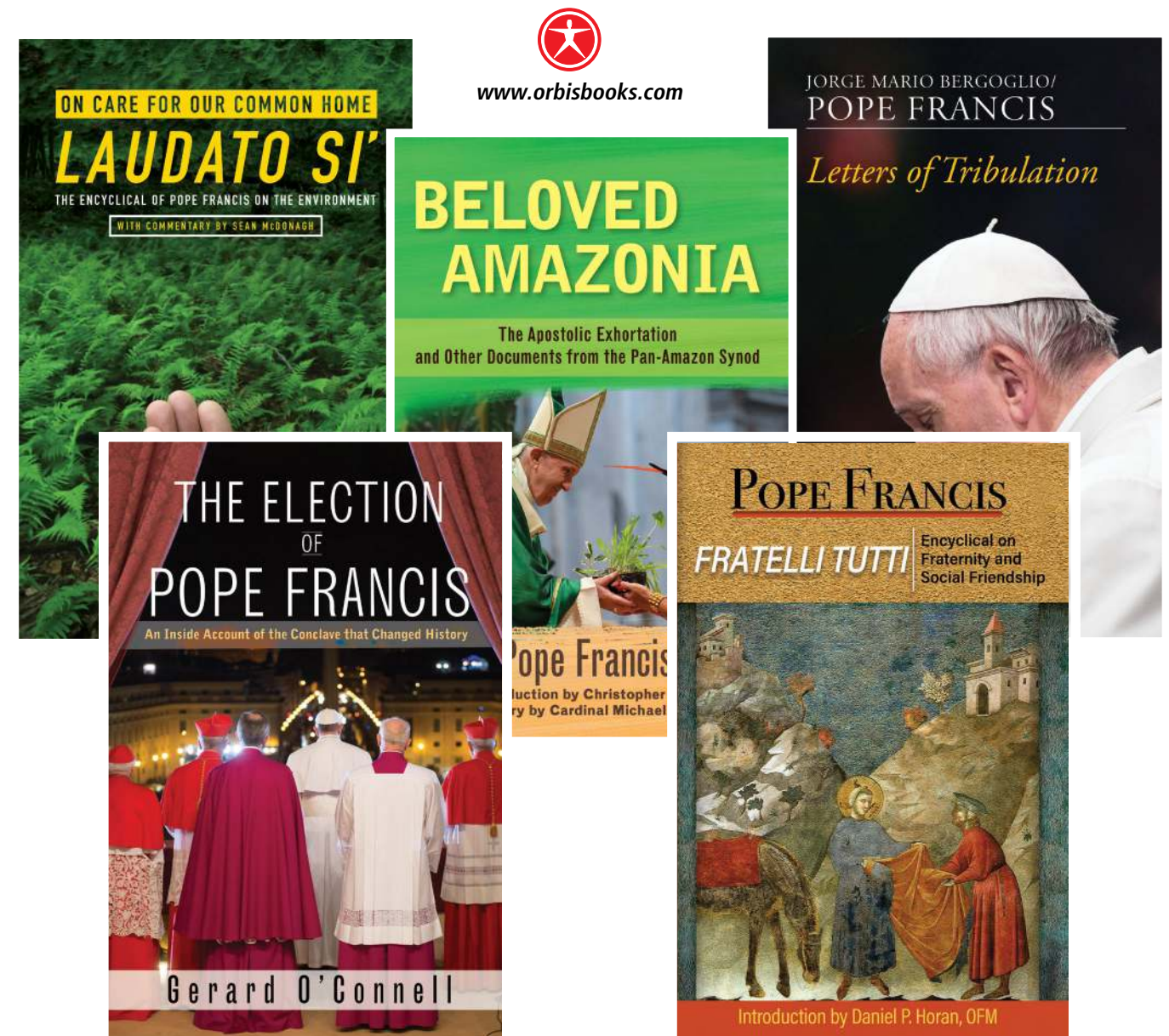
From its earliest days, Orbis Books has always tried to fulfill the promise of their name—service to the world with books that explore the joys and challenges of our faith, our mission calling to serve the poor, and care for God’s creation.

In the midst of all the upheavals and traumas we have experienced this year, and in hope of renewal to come, may we be attentive to the still small voice that calls us deeper.

“I believe that reading, in that sense, can have a powerful role and become a compass that points the way, guides and allows us to cultivate a spirit capable of moving toward great goals that embrace the good that awaits us all. In this sense, I encourage you to continue your work in that difficult but important and delicate task of creating accompanying volumes that give flight to the spirit and help reach the places where new narratives and paradigms are being formed (Evangelii Gaudium 74).”

—Pope Francis

A copy of Pope Francis’ letter to Robert Ellsberg can be viewed on the Orbis Books’ website:



SENIOR MISSIONER COMMUNITY

Father John McAuley, M.M.

*T*he Senior Missioner Community (SMC) is a formal structure within the Maryknoll Society consisting of Society members who no longer engage in a formal apostolate overseas because of limitations imposed on them by aging or health. The majority of SMC members live at the Maryknoll Center in New York, while a smaller number live at the Maryknoll Mission Center in Los Altos, California. There are others, still, who live with or near their families.

Though SMC members have personal limitations, their presence at the Maryknoll Center, in Los Altos and with their families offers a faithful, calming and healing presence to those among whom they live. This proved particularly true during the early months after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New York was the first epicenter of COVID-19 in the U.S., and the Maryknoll Center was not exempt from its effects. The virus entered the Center Building in March; and in the ensuing three months, the Maryknoll Center was in near-complete closure. Already living with limitations, the physical confinement and the presence of the virus among SMC members was a cause of great suffering. But it was not an entirely new way of life for them.

The years when SMC members were most active overseas in Asia, Africa and Latin America were times of great political, economic and social changes in those regions. Turmoil abounded, and chaos was not infrequent. These missionaries, during their active years in the regions, had direct experience of ministering to others amidst these challenging circumstances. As a result, they were able to draw on their faith, assured that the same care which God had provided to others through them would now be available to them and to the Society through the care and service of others during the COVID-19 pandemic. And indeed it proved so!

The Senior Missioner Community lost members to the virus — those they called brothers, friends, mentors, heroes. What they did not lose was faith, hope, or their concern for any who were suffering. Nor did they lose confidence in those who they knew were standing with them — both those directly before them... and those others at some remove.

Father John McAuley, M.M.

Senior Missioner Community Superior



Prayer services for Society members at the Maryknoll Mission Center in NY before and during COVID-19 restrictions. (D. Mastrogiulio/U.S.)

IN GRATITUDE TO OUR FRIENDS IN MISSION



(S. Sprague/Nambia)

Maryknoll and Mary, 92, of Texas go back more than 80 years, to the time when her distant cousin, Fr. Joseph Regan, M.M. (later Bishop Regan) visited her family in the 1930s, regaling them with tales of life in China and bearing exotic gifts such as tiny silken shoes and beautiful embroideries. “From then on, Father Joe and his sibling, Sister Rita Marie Regan, M.M., who also served in China, became an important part of our lives growing up as we followed their journeys as missionaries spreading the Gospel and ‘making a visible difference’ in the lives of the poor.”

A few years ago, Mary was delighted to receive a call from Sister Rosalie Lacorte, M.M., who had been Bishop Regan’s personal secretary in the Philippines and the two now enjoy an email friendship. When, at one point, Mary mentioned her interest in Sr. Celeste’s Montessori School in Tanzania, Sister Rosalie responded with “Small world!” It turns out the Sisters are good friends, having worked for years in the same area of Tanzania.

Through Maryknoll publications, Mary keeps abreast of specific needs and is especially impressed with Father Lance Nadeau’s construction of water wells in Kenya. “Clean water has a transformative effect upon communities on so many levels, and I am thrilled to have a share in his work.” says Mary, adding that any gift to any Maryknoll project, large or small, is precious and brings its own rewards. “In my case,” she notes, “it brings me joy; it makes my heart sing.”



Mary

IN GRATITUDE TO OUR FRIENDS IN MISSION



Clarence and Lili

*L*ili and Clarence's early knowledge of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers came through their reading of the Maryknoll magazine. They, like so many others, would clip the coupon in the magazine, check the box showing the amount of their contribution and mail it in. This all changed after meeting and becoming friends with Father Ron Hennessey, M.M. and Father Jim Madden, M.M.

In the late 1980s, Father Hennessey served in Guatemala and El Salvador during those countries' civil wars. His life was continually threatened by the governments in power and their death squads. Clarence and Lili had been introduced to Father Hennessey by his sisters, Sister Dorothy Hennessey, O.S.F and Sister Gwen Hennessey, O.S.F., members of their Pax Christi Chapter. Their relationship with the Hennesseys led to immersion trips to Mexico and Guatemala as well as visits to Maryknoll, NY.

They quickly realized that their financial contributions to

Maryknoll were being stretched and prudently utilized.

In 1992, Clarence and Lili received a call from Father Jim Madden, M.M. who was in the early stages of establishing a new entity, the "Maryknoll Affiliates". He asked for their help; and by working with Father Jim, they established the "Quad City Chapter," one of the first chapters. Over the years, the Affiliates' time and talents have not only supplemented the resources available to Maryknoll, but have enriched the lives of its members.

"We enjoy being updated on Maryknoll by visits from Jay Weingarten from the Mission Advancement Division. Because of coronavirus, Jay has been unable to travel, and we miss his visits; but his emails and phone calls have continued and have been very well received and quite effective. It certainly is fulfilling to promote an organization as good as Maryknoll."

With Lili and Clarence being shining examples of the spirit of giving, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' future is certainly bright. We are most thankful for their loving contributions to mission.



Century Old Saint Mary's Church

Jann and Clarence



*L*ifelong farmers in Iowa and longtime friends of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Jann and Clarence have a passion for mission work. In addition to farming, Clarence and Jann enjoy volunteering at their local parish, Saint Mary's in their hometown. It was at a Sunday Mass when a Maryknoll priest shared a beautiful story of how the Holy Spirit directs the mission work of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers around the globe. Sometime later, Jann and Clarence decided that they too wanted to be part of the mission of Maryknoll.

Jann and Clarence lovingly support various Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' Apostolic Projects. Most often, they choose projects that focus on helping orphans with their education, including school and dormitory building in Africa.

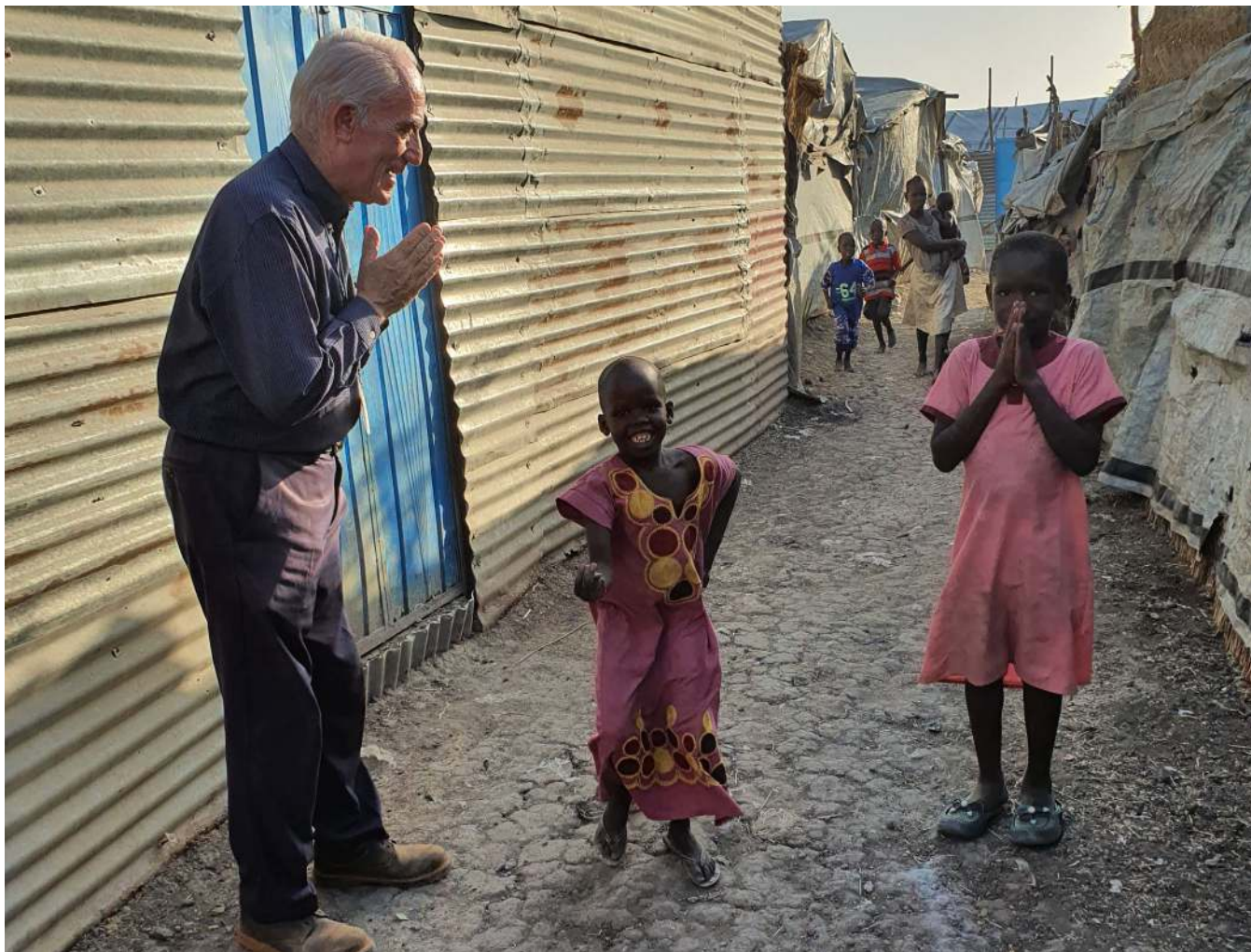
They vividly remember a delightful visit to their farm by Father Peter Le Jacq, M.D., M.M. and the country-style dinner they shared together. Clarence enjoyed giving Father Peter a small tour of the farm yard, showing him the equipment and even the inside of a grain bin.

Their daughter makes it home to the family farm quite often. She has been very inspired over the years by her parents' loving support of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

With the family's shining example and their spirit of giving, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' future continues to be bright, for which we are most grateful.

FRIENDS IN MISSION

*T*he Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers remain ever grateful to our friends in mission, our benefactors, whose prayers and support strengthen us in hope, resilience and adaptability as we continue Christ's saving work. Together, we have made a difference in the lives of children throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, and through our ministries supporting the Catholic Church in the United States in its missionary response in this exceptional year. We prayerfully celebrate our shared mission of renewing our baptismal promise of service with God's love.



Maryknoll Father Michael Bassano shares a prayer with two of his young parishioners in the Malakal Refugee camp in South Sudan.

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

By Joseph Veneroso, M.M

Save us, Savior of the world!
Let your mercy cover the earth
as sunlight fills the skies.

May these days of disease,
uncertainty and fear
never overshadow your call to be
our brothers' and sisters' keepers.
Keep us safe, O Lord, not only from
physical illness and danger
but also from spiritual sicknesses
of hatred, envy, greed and apathy.

Grant us that this time of testing
teaches us to appreciate our health,
our faith, our friends and family,
but most of all, our life.

Into your most merciful hands
we commend the souls of the dead
and beg Your blessing on the sick.

Open our hearts to Your
love and forgiveness
and our eyes to Your divine image
in all peoples at all times.

May we never tire of serving You.
Amen.

YOUR LEGACY, YOUR MISSION

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

With your faith-filled support of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers through a charitable gift, such as a Bequest or Gift Annuity, you have enabled us to plan for our future, continuing in mission and sharing the Good News, the Gospel and Jesus Christ's love by giving new life to communities all over the globe. We also hope to continue to strengthen the baptismal missionary vocations of Catholics here in the United States.

In gratitude for your unending love of mission, we respectfully enroll you in the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Legacy Society. As a Legacy Society member, you and your family will be included in a prayerful remembrance at the Maryknoll Legacy Society Mass, which is held annually on November 1, All Saints' Day, as well as a lifetime subscription to Maryknoll magazine, or Misioneros, and our Gift Planning Stewardship Newsletter, featuring stories of missions. We also promise a weekly remembrance at Mass every Friday at our Society Center in Maryknoll, NY, and in the prayers and Masses of our Maryknoll Missioners around the world.



Father Paul Sykora, M.M., school-tutoring program in Santa Veracruz, Cochabamba. (N. Sprague/Bolivia)

2020 LARGEST ESTATES

Estate of Marylane Burry
Estate of Elio and Violet D'Appolonia
Estate of Thomas Dillon
Estate of Ernest Esposito
Estate of Robert Gayer
Estate of Maynard Grande
Estate of Henry Merges
Estate of George Merrill
Estate of Deborah O'Neill
Estate of Virginia Schenk

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Fulfilling Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers' mission vision is the aim of not only our Missioners abroad, but of Members and employees here at home as well. Maryknoll's Community Outreach Program supports the Society by:

- promoting Apostolic Projects by aligning them with Pope Francis' prayer intentions;
- supporting Vocations by featuring younger missioners in our outreach appeals to heighten awareness and increase interest;
- publicizing Mission Advancement initiatives to encourage greater participation;
- engaging Maryknoll employees in mission-based activities that benefit those in need in our local community.

In 2020, the Community Outreach team worked tirelessly to adapt and overcome the restrictions the pandemic had created so we could continue our role as missionary disciples. Each month, we welcomed the community to join us virtually to answer the Holy Father's request for prayer for specific intentions. Employees and Society members joined together to donate over 250 lbs of non-perishable food items to local food pantries. Research began for the creation of a video experience highlighting Maryknoll's response to major events in the world from 2000 – 2020, which will be shared on the Society's website. While all activities at the Maryknoll Society Center had to be canceled, we found a way to fulfill a commitment to a local Catholic elementary school by displaying art work of the Blessed Mother on our website. These works of art were created by their students who are members of the National Junior Art Honor Society, and the exhibit brought over 300 new visitors to the site. We brought the year to a close with the presentation of a virtual Christmas Concert on Facebook and YouTube, drawing over 3,000 viewers from around the world with whom we could share the joy and promise of hope as we celebrated our Lord's birth.



NOURISHING BODIES AND SOULS

Father Michael Bassano, M.M. and Father John Barth, M.M. serve in South Sudan, living in solidarity with people who are the victims of endless civil war and economic collapse.

Father Mike lives in a U.N.-sponsored refugee camp in Malakal. At this single place where families and kids can be protected, Father Mike manages food distribution in addition to his pastoral duties of celebrating Mass and the Sacraments. “I try to witness the Gospel in everything I do,” says Father Mike.

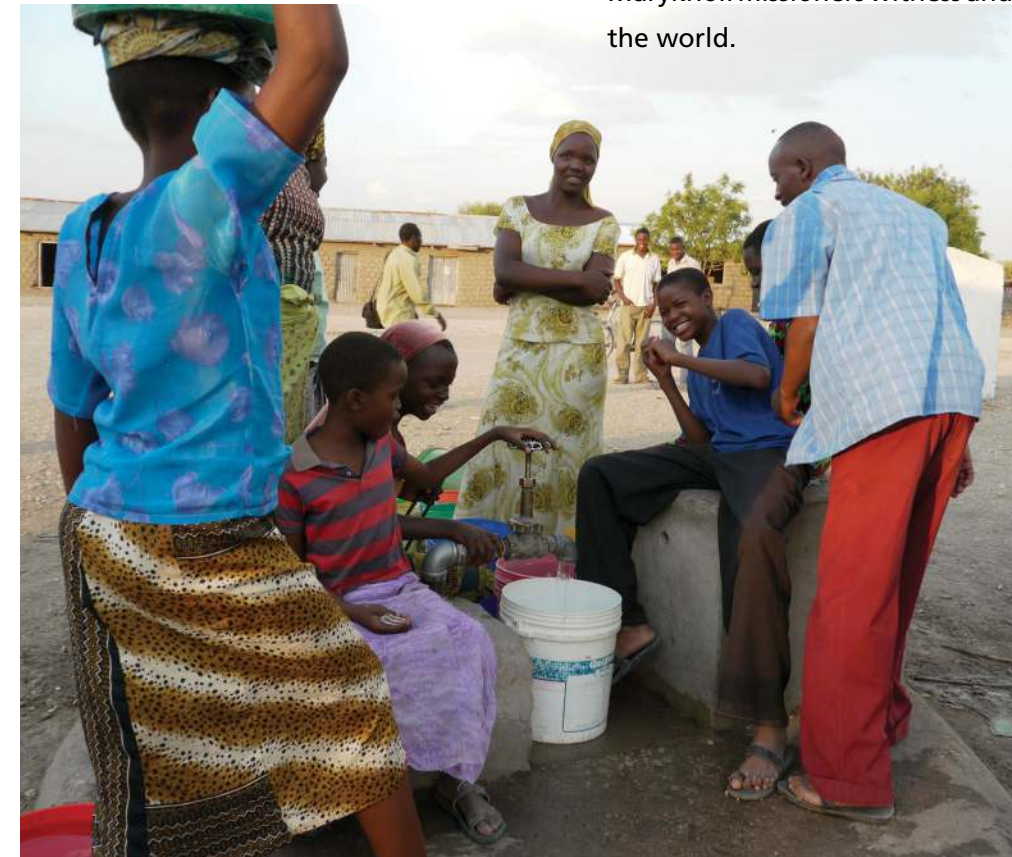
In another part of South Sudan, Father John is relentless in providing emergency food relief to three Catholic schools. Despite the personal risk, he trucks in maize, sorghum, beans, cooking oil and salt from neighboring Uganda. Father John uses this food as a means of payment to local teachers in exchange for teaching the children, keeping hundreds of them in school.



At a feeding program for the elderly in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Maryknoll Priest Associate, Father Charles Dittmeier provides hot meals for seniors who were abandoned by their families. “For some of our elderly, having a meal with us is the only social interaction they have all week. I wish I could tell you we serve meals to every senior who needs one.” he says. “Maybe one day, we will.”

In Peru, prisoners with HIV on anti-retroviral drugs require good nutrition, which is vital to their recovery; but prison food isn’t the best. Father Joseph Fedora, M.M. runs a feeding program for prisoners with HIV, providing them with healthy meals to build up their strength. “I do have one regret though,” he admits. “There’s a waiting list.”

We do all we can to continue the work of Mission in the age of COVID-19 ... always wanting to do more. That’s how Maryknoll missionaries witness and share God’s love throughout the world.



Photos: Villagers near Ndoleleji share in Father Dan Ohmann, M.M.’s Shinyanga water project. (S. Sprague/Tanzania)

STEWARDSHIP

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 who 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.



Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc.
Maryknoll, New York 10545

The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc., is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the State of New York.

CATHOLIC FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2020

REVENUE	
PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$55,036,210
REVENUE	\$51,547,810
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$106,584,020
EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$72,059,757
SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$16,516,807
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$88,576,564
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS - BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	18,007,456
Other gains/(losses) not reflected in functional expenses	(7,329,998)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR	\$10,677,458

LEADERSHIP *of The Maryknoll Fathers And Brothers*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Father Raymond J. Finch, M.M., President
Father Joseph M. Everson III, M.M., Vice President
Father Thomas J. O'Brien, M.M., Secretary
Father Russell J. Feldmeier, M.M., Director
Father Edward J. Phillips, M.M., CFO & Canonical Treasurer
Ms. Susan J. Dahl, Director

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Walter J. Cook, CPA
Mr. John P. Fragale, CPA
Mr. Thomas R. Langan, Esq., CPA
Father Thomas J. O'Brien, M.M.

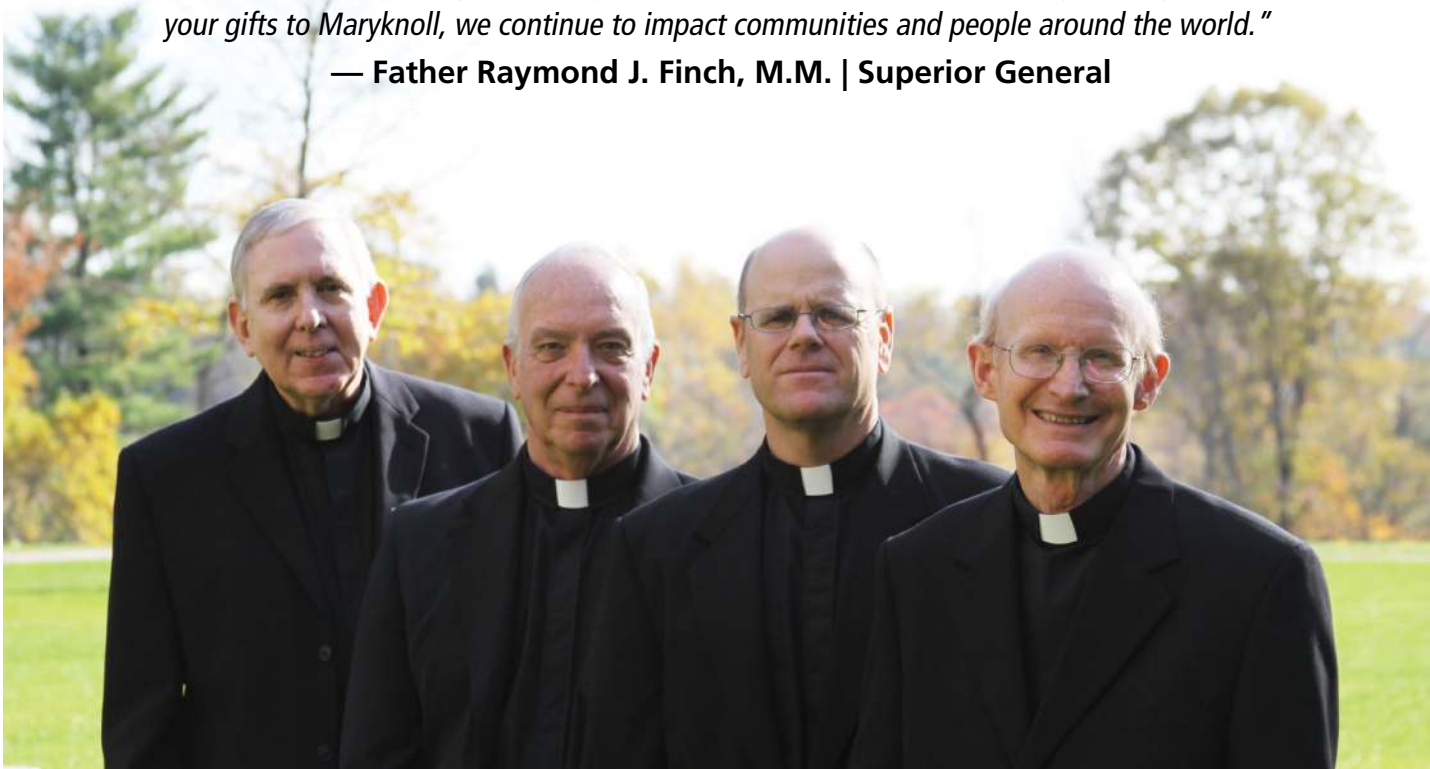
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Mr. Robert W. Ambrose

GENERAL COUNCIL

General Council "Maryknoll reaches out to the hungry. We serve those who have been shunned or hurt. We share the Gospel with anyone willing to listen, or permitted to listen. With your prayers and with your gifts to Maryknoll, we continue to impact communities and people around the world."

— Father Raymond J. Finch, M.M. | Superior General



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Father Thomas O'Brien (Assistant General) , Father Raymond Finch (Superior General), Father Joseph Everson III (Vicar General) and Father Russell Feldmeier (Assistant General) (V. Concha-Nuñez/U.S.)

MARYKNOLL IN THE U.S.

Mission Education Programs and Teams

Deacon Mission Partners

Deacon Dennis Holley, Team Leader
571.243.5231 • dholley@maryknoll.org

Discípulos Misioneros Maryknoll (Hispanic Outreach)

Deacon Leonel Yoque, Team Leader
213.747.9676 • lyoque@maryknoll.org

Immersion Trips / Third Wave of Mission

Ms. Kris East, Administrative Assistant
510.276.5021 • keast@maryknoll.org

Short Term Mission Program

Fr. Mike Snyder, M.M., Coordinator
914.941.7590 • msnyder@maryknoll.org

Teacher Catechist Outreach and DYN

Deacon Kevin McCarthy, Team Leader
914.941.7590 • kmccarthy@maryknoll.org

Young Adult Engagement

Ms. Anna Johnson, Team Leader
206.322.8831 • ajohnson@maryknoll.org

Leadership Team for Church Engagement

Fr. Alfonso Kim, M.M., Assoc. Director
914.941.7636 • akim@maryknoll.org

Deacon Matt Dulka, Assoc. Director
510.276.5021 • mdulka@maryknoll.org

Deacon Paul Bork, Mission Appeals Manager
716.796.8919 • pbork@maryknoll.org

Ms. Anna Johnson, Mission Formation Manager
206.322.8831 • ajohnson@maryknoll.org

Mission Education Centers

New York Mission Center

Ms. Claudia Velardo, Administrative Assistant
914.941.7636 x 2689 • cvelardo@maryknoll.org

Chicago Mission Center

Ms. Winnie Lopez, Administrative Assistant
773.493.3367 • wlopez@maryknoll.org

Los Altos Mission Center

Ms. Stephanie Luna, Mission Educator–Promoter
310.465.8765 • sluna@maryknoll.org

Seattle Mission Center

Mr. Lefty Sitaras, Manager Mission Formation
206.322.8831 • lsitaras@maryknoll.org

Houston Mission House

Ms. Linda Britton, Administrative Assistant
713.529.1912 • lbritton@maryknoll.org

Vocations/Short-Term Mission

Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M., Director
914.941.7590 • rulloa@maryknoll.org

Fr. Michael J. Snyder, M.M., Coordinator
914.941.7590 • msnyder@maryknoll.org

Gift Planning

Fr. Peter Le Jacq, M.D., M.M., Chaplain and Mission Witness
888.627.9566 • plejacq@maryknoll.org

Ms. Cynthia Lynch, Gift Planning Unit Manager
914.941.7590 • clynch@maryknoll.org

Ms. Melissa Kellogg (Senior Regional Representative)
904.229.7735 • mkellogg@maryknoll.org

Mr. Bill Jones (Gulf Coast, Southern Region)
713.818.3074 • bjones@maryknoll.org

Mr. Richard McGee, (NE Region)
646.734.7123 • rmcgee@maryknoll.org

Ms. Renee Pada (Western Region)
213.200.4926 • rpada@maryknoll.org

Mr. Jay Weingarten (Midwest Region)
312.505.7861 • jweingarten@maryknoll.org

Ms. Marie Wren (Western Region)
510.326.0298 • mwren@maryknoll.org

General Inquiries

888.627.9566 • mkweb@maryknoll.org

ECO-MISSION

MARYKNOLL'S
ECOMISSION
HEALING GOD'S CREATION

“I would like to appeal to all... to help with efforts in order to ensure the adequate legal protection of our common home.”

— Pope Francis



2020 was full of voices resounding, “We can’t!” in response to life as we knew it: We can’t come to work. We can’t celebrate holidays with our families. We can’t go to church.

With our foundation based in faith, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers’ Eco-Mission team chose to look at the Society and our environment and ask, “What CAN we do?” Team meetings have generated dozens of ideas for initiatives that will reduce waste, provide sustainability and otherwise shrink Maryknoll’s carbon footprint. But from a practical perspective, most of these initiatives can’t be implemented – some due to logistics as we restrict building-to-building access to reduce the risk of contamination; some due to limitations based on the age of our Members; and some for general health and safety reasons.

So back to the original question: What can we do? First and foremost, we can educate – both Society members and employees. Maryknoll’s Employee Newsletter publishes informative tips on ways to care for God’s creation, protect our environment and support Mission.

In collaboration with our Human Resources department and the PR/Events Coordinator, the quarterly Employee Newsletter, as well as other bulletin board notices and announcements have been digitized. Everything is now sent via email reducing the use of paper, ink for printing and electricity to run the printers. For those who do not have access to email, we have created PowerPoint slide shows that are displayed on flat screen monitors in the Seminary and Price buildings on our Maryknoll, NY campus. Plans are currently underway to catalogue office supplies kept by the Administrative staff in the different business units. Supply sharing will help reduce unnecessary spending and will have a ripple effect on many impacts on the environment.

Finally, we continue to look forward into 2021 and beyond, seeking ways to challenge ourselves, our Missioners and our employees with implementing measurable actions to help care for God’s creation.

adaptability

hope

resilience

MARYKNOLLSOCIETY.ORG

Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc.
PO Box 302, Maryknoll, New York 10545-0302
Email: mkweb@maryknoll.org 1.888.627.9566



Contents printed in-house on Rolland Hitech™ paper, which contains 30% post-consumer fiber, is manufactured using renewable biogas energy.