



# Columban Sisters Worldwide Mission News

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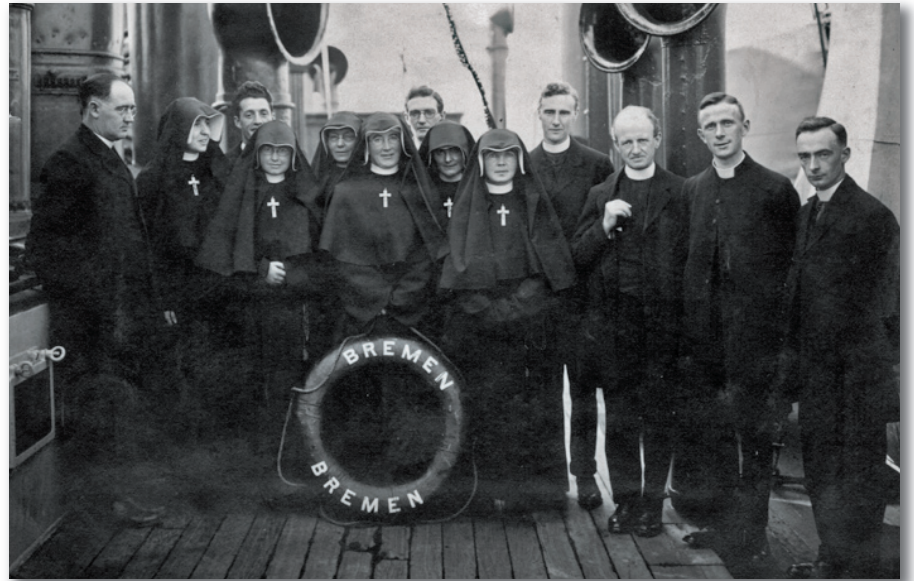
## A Legacy of Faith through Mission *Celebrating 90 years of serving Christ through others*

There is no better way to start our 90th year anniversary than by thanking you, our benefactors and co-missionaries for your amazing dedication and support of the Columban Sisters over our nine decades of service to men, women and children of all faiths. By working together as co-missionaries, we have greatly improved the quality of life for many people, in China, Chile, Hong Kong, Korea, Myanmar, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, England, Scotland, Ireland and here in the United States.



*Sr. Joan in Pakistan*

It was because two people shared a vision and answered a similar call that the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban came to be. In December 1917, Father John Blowick,



*In 1926, the newly formed Missionary Sisters of St. Columban traveled to China to collaborate with the Columban Fathers in a new missionary venture.*

co-founder of the Columban Fathers, spoke of the urgent need for women collaborators in their new missionary venture in China. This appeal found a ready response in the heart of Lady Frances Moloney who later became Mother Mary Patrick. Together they shared a deep faith and unparalleled passion for serving the poor and spreading the gospel message of Christ in China. In 1924, this dream led to the founding of the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban, better known as the Columban Sisters.

From the beginning, the Columban Sisters have been called to serve the poor and marginalized on the fringe of society in remote corners of the world. This missionary journey started in 1926 when we entered China and despite floods, famine, war and bandits we were able to establish much needed dispensaries and give spiritual and physical care to the impoverished and sick in war torn areas. Over the next 90 years, wonderful benefactors like you, through faith, prayer and unselfish generosity have supported our



*Sr. Ashwena in Myanmar*

ministries in hospitals, clinics, respite centers, schools and outreach efforts as we shared the love of Christ with the poor, the forgotten and the least of God's people.



*Sr. Nora in Korea*

Together as co-missionaries, our legacy continues, as we look forward with hope and confidence knowing that our God is with us as we embrace the needs of those to whom we are sent. We are called to feed and clothe the hungry, minister to and care for people coping and dying from AIDS, walk the final journey with hospice patients, bring hope to battered prisoners, help to restore the dignity of women and children, teach the physically and



*Sr. Julietta in the Philippines*

mentally challenged, care for the earth and become advocates for justice and the protection of the basic rights of all God's people. From all the Columban Sisters here and around the world, we send you our love, prayers and heartfelt gratitude for all that you do to support the work of Christ that continues to be accomplished in the lives of many where we are privileged to serve.

## Thank You For Supporting The Columban Sisters

*The Missionary Sisters of St. Columban is a religious congregation of women dedicated to lives of prayer and service. They work among the poor, the sick and the elderly in their missions in Chile, China/Hong Kong, England, Ireland, Korea, Myanmar (Burma), Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Scotland and the United States, and are deeply grateful to all who support their worldwide missionary work.*

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