



# **St. Mary's Past Students' Association**

## **Chairman's Report for the year 2011-2012**

### **I. Duration**

This Chairman's Report covers the period from 26 March 2011 to 16 March 2012.

### **II. Executive Committee**

The current Executive Committee was elected at the 2011 Annual General Meeting held on 26 March 2011.

During the Report period, the Executive Committee held six meetings.

### **III. Composition**

The composition of the Executive Committee is as follows:

Chairman	:	Ms. Justina Law
Vice-Chairmen	:	Ms. Annie Choi Ms. Angela Liu
Hon. Secretary	:	Ms. Ellie Wong
Hon. Treasurer	:	Ms. Barbara Chu
Legal Secretary	:	Ms. Jody Sin
Membership Secretary	:	Dr. Monica Wong
Social Convenor	:	Ms. Becky Lui
Publication Secretaries	:	Ms. Petty Lai Ms. Katherine Mak
Committee Members :		Ms. Angela Leung Ms. Susanna Chung Ms. Mabel Leung Ms. Jasbir Pannu

During the Report period, two sub-committees were formed - the Mentorship Programme Committee, and the Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) Task Force.



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## IV. Tasks Carried Out During the Report Period

### (1) Continuing the Membership Drive

- As at 16 March 2012, the membership of the PSA stood at 5,636. 5,290 members could be contacted by mail or email.
- Due to the New Senior Secondary (“NSS”) curriculum under which students would graduate after F.6 rather than F.5, no graduates joined the PSA this year.
- The Membership Secretary, Dr. Monica Wong, continued to contact members to update their contact details.

### (2) Publication of Newsletters

- We published two newsletters during the Report period – one 12-page newsletter in October 2011 and one 8-page newsletter in March 2012.
- The newsletters were also uploaded onto the PSA website. Emails were sent to inform members of the release of the latest newsletter.
- Hard copies were mailed to members with the help of current SMCC students. As a means to save paper and reduce postage cost, the PSA continues to encourage members to opt out of receiving the hard copy and read the newsletter online.

### (3) Maintaining the PSA Website

- During the Report period, the website [www.stmaryspsa.org](http://www.stmaryspsa.org) was updated by our webmaster, Ms. Justina Law. The website continued to serve as the link between our Alma Mater and past St. Marians near and far.

### (4) Supporting the School's Mentorship Programme

- The composition of the Programme Committee is as follows:  
PSA Coordinators : Ms. Jody Sin and Ms. Jasbir Pannu  
School Adviser : Ms. Amelia Tsang



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- The 2010/11 Mentorship Programme was successfully completed in the summer of 2011. Voluntary mentee participation was introduced as the school adopted the NSS curriculum resulting in a higher number of eligible students (both F.5 and F.6). Mentors were also encouraged to participate in pairs so that they can support each other. In addition, two meetings were arranged for mentors and mentees to get together, allowing opportunities for discussion as well as group activities. Feedback from both mentors and mentees for this arrangement were positive.
- In the 2011/12 academic year, the same arrangement was adopted. 43 mentors were recruited this year to care for 119 mentees from F.5. 21 groups were formed in accordance with the mentees' indication of interests in a specific sector/industry. The eight sectors/industry groups formed this year are:

1	Art, Culture & Media
2	Engineering, Manufacturing & IT
3	Finance, Banking, Insurance
4	Legal
5	Management & Administration
6	Sales & Marketing
7	Medical, Health, Nursing
8	Education, Government & NGO

- The first mentor-mentee gathering took place on 12 November 2011 (Sat). 36 mentors and 117 mentees turned up. This was the highest turnout to date.
- The second meeting took place on 10 March 2012 (Sat). 33 mentors turned up and the groups participated in team activities that allowed them to discover new things about their friends, and unleash their creativity. Time was also allocated for the groups to mingle and chat.
- The PSA sponsored drinks and refreshments on both occasions.
- Informal meetings would be arranged at the mutual convenience of the mentors and mentees. Through these meetings, mentors can provide advice on personal growth, further studies and careers planning.



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### (5) Organizing the St. Mary's 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on 11.11.11

- The PSA gave a surprise treat to all students and staff of SMCC and SMCS on 11 November 2011. The 2,000 of them were led to the playground and treated with twin popsicles that resembled the number "11". The celebration of the 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary's was held at precisely 11:11am. Ms. Justina Law gave a short motivational speech to commemorate the occasion before leading the whole congregation in the countdown.
- A lucky draw was also held at the end of the event, with prizes for two winners from each class, as well as a few teachers and staff.
- With the help of the two Principals we managed to keep the event a secret until the day of revelation. This was also the first time that all students and staff from both schools gathered together for a common purpose. A most memorable day indeed.

### (6) Organizing the Alumnae Day Outing

- For the Alumnae Day on 27 November 2011, the PSA organized a seafood lunch at Rainbow Restaurant at Sok Kwu Wan, Lamma Island, followed by a tour to the Lamma Fisherfolks' Village. 46 past students, friends, family, retired and current teachers shared a happy and memorable day.
- Ticket price was HK\$150 per head covering transportation, lunch and admission to the Fisherfolks' Village. A surplus of HK\$350 was recorded.

### (7) Souvenirs and Premiums

- We continued to sell the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary souvenirs this year through various sales drives. Pricing was adjusted in November 2011 to help push sales.
- A campus sale was held for SMCC students in November 2011 with the help of Ms. Candy To and staff in the School Office. In addition, sales also took place during the SMCS Parents' Day on 18 February 2012. Meanwhile, order forms were also printed on the October 2011 issue of Newsletter and placed on the PSA website.



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- During the Report period, we sold 218 canvas tote bags, 353 document bags sets, 194 luggage belt & tag sets and 520 school uniform figurines sets.
- As at 16 March 2012, 22 canvas tote bags, 200 document bags sets, 335 luggage belt & tag sets, 113 school uniform figurines sets and 4 USB ballpens remained in stock.
- We also continued to sell the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary souvenirs. All 76 remaining miniatures were sold. 69 photo books remained in stock as at 16 March 2012.
- The net profit from the sale of these souvenirs would go to the St. Mary's Development Fund.

### (8) Donations to SMCC

- For the 2010/11 academic year, the SMPSA Scholarship of HK\$1,000 for Outstanding Performance and Active Promotion in Drama and Speech was awarded to WONG Elaine Chee-Ling (Form 5C).
- A sponsorship of HK\$1,000 (book coupons) was made to the Magdalene of Canossa Club as support for their Christmas celebration in December 2011.

### (9) Donations to the Canossian Missions

- In April 2011, as a result of miscommunication, an urgent appeal for donations to the Canossian Missions was circulated through email amongst many alumnae. A message from the Provincial Superior, Sr Cynthia Chan, was uploaded to the PSA website to clarify the issue. While it had never been the intention of the Canossian Missions to initiate the appeal, alumnae who wished to make donations to the Missions are always welcome to do so.

### (10) Monitoring the St. Mary's Development Fund

- Three members of the Executive Committee continued to sit on the St. Mary's Development Fund Management Committee – Ms. Annie Choi and Ms. Susanna Chung in the capacity as former Fundraising Committee members, and Dr. Monica Wong as representative of the PSA Executive Committee.



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- There were no funding applications during the Report period.

### (11) Participating in School Policy Advisory Committee/School Management Committee

- We worked closely with SMCC and SMCS, as well as the two Parent-Teacher Associations, on school policies, as well as planning and development issues.
- PSA Exco member Ms. Annie Choi was elected to represent past students in the SMCS School Policy Advisory Committee for the 2010-13 term. During the Report period, two School Policy Advisory Committee meetings were held.
- Ms. Annie Choi was also invited to be a School Manager of SMCC. During the Report period, three School Management Committee meetings were held.

### (12) Setting Up of the Incorporated Management Committees (IMCs) of SMCC and SMCS

- As stipulated in the Education Ordinance, SMCC and SMCS would both need to set up their IMCs in 2013.
- To facilitate the election of the alumna representative to sit on the IMCs, the PSA would need to amend the PSA Constitution by March 2013.
- Election of the IMCs' Alumnae Managers would need to take place during an EGM in October of 2013.
- The PSA Exco had set up a Task Force to follow up the matter. Members include Ms. Justina Law, Ms. Annie Choi, Ms. Angela Liu, Dr. Monica Wong, Ms. Jody Sin and Ms. Petty Lai.

### (13) Supporting other SMCC School Functions

- We continued to promote the school's Drama production through our Newsletter. The 2011 production "PanDora" was a success. The production for 2012, "Mrs. Baggins", is currently being promoted and will be performed



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from 23-28 April 2012. Ticketing information is printed on the Newsletter for orders from alumnae. A link is also created on the PSA website.

- Ms. Justina Law attended the SMCS Graduation Day on 5 July 2011 and the SMCC Speech Day on 11 July 2011 in the capacity of Chairman of the SMPSA. Ms. Annie Choi also attended the SMCC Speech Day as School Manager.

### (14) Advertising on the 2010/11 School Magazine

- Due to a technical error, the advertisement of PSA on the school magazine for the school year 2010-2011 (the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue) was left out from the final printed version. The advertising fee was refunded, and the Principal sent her sincere apology which the Exco accepted with understanding.

### (15) Supporting the Canossian Global Youth Conference 2011

- The Canossian Global Youth Conference, a biennial event, was held from 16-22 July 2011 in Hong Kong, with SMCC and SHCC being the host.
- The PSA helped to appeal to past students for donations to cover the event's expenses through the Newsletter. The PSA also donated HK\$20,000.

### (16) Other Liaison Work

- We maintained close liaison with the St. Francis Canossian College Past Students' Association (SFCCPSA) and the Sacred Heart Canossian College Alumni Association (SHCCAA). Ms. Justina Law attended the annual dinner of SFCCPSA on 22 October 2011, while Ms. Angela Liu attended that of SHCCAA on 18 November 2011. On both occasions HK\$1,000 worth of book coupons were presented as gifts to the organizer.
- Overseas, we maintained contact with the SMCC Past Students' Association (Toronto) and the Canossian Colleges Association in Vancouver.



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### **V. Focus of Work in the Coming Year**

In the coming year, we will continue our work on various fronts.

We will continue to reconnect with St. Marians through direct contacts, visits, the PSA website, newsletters and social activities.

We will continue to work closely with the school management and Parent-Teacher Associations of SMCC and SMCS on all matters that will benefit the schools, the teachers and the students.