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Dear Anthony,

It has been a long time since you last heard from me. One reason was that when I arrived here in early January last year I found writing very difficult due to the Parkinson's disease. But last November I was sent to see a neurologist who is an expert on Parkinson's. He put me on a new course of treatment including some new drugs and my general condition has greatly improved and I can manage to write small letters somewhat slowly. Then a few months ago I had a visit from Sister Joan Delaney and we talked about old times. Some time after that B. Mac Partlin brought me the address of Fatima Lee from Sister Joan - I'm not sure why - but I wrote to her & got a very appreciative letter in reply. I had been looking over some photos and found some that brought back memories. You are probably the only person who would appreciate them so I am sending you

Two for your collection. You will probably recognise all those in the later picture - Peter Chung(?) Peter Li Sing Sheng, Kevin Ko Chi Chin, Joseph Lam, Richard Tsang + wife, John Loo and Gabriel Yuka Kui. I used to meet some of them when Peter Li passed through HK. Do you know Richard Tsang had some trouble recently; I met John Loo briefly at his father's funeral a few years ago. He was recently writing for a Gay group in H.K. He has had a difficult life, poor man! I believe all the others are doing well. I have lost all contact with Sung Ynn Wing. He came to see me a few years ago when I was in Robinson Road. I used to meet Shin Siu Por occasionally on week days near St. Joseph's Church. He was walking to work (from Kennedy Road?) He used to invite me to a meal once or twice a year with some past WYK students. He had three Catholics from WY in his office, the newest was George Man who returned from the U.S. when his marriage broke down. He was very friendly - as indeed was Shin Siu Por - though some people thought him rather rough at political gatherings. On the night before I left HK, who should come to say "goodbye" but Fung Chi Keng - at around 10.30 pm. He stayed for about a half an hour - when he heard I was leaving he wrote a short article about me in a paper in which he had a regular column. He had nothing but praise for his old teacher. I was very touched by his kindness.

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When I came here last year J. Tierney was a chaplain to the nursing home - he was one of the few people I could talk to about H.K. and he was always ready to talk about it. He was a very popular preacher and despite a bad heart he worked hard - He seemed in good health the last morning he said Mass here - in the afternoon he was dead - had a massive heart attack at a meeting he was attending - that was in March last year. J. Smyth is still active in a parish - comes here regularly to visit me. P. Morris is in Sydney - Helen left him - I think she is still in Sydney. M. Taveira is in Melbourne and is in regular contact with P.M. He married an Australian & has two children. P.M. telephones me every now and then - his son is an accountant <sup>in HK</sup> ~~at present~~, <sup>the girl is</sup> working as a pharmacist in Sydney - lives, I think, with her mother. D. Taylor is still in a parish in Sydney - he has recently been meeting P. Morris.

Modern Educational Research continued to print the ethics books you advised me about until I left HK. The sales had been going down and I told them it was not necessary to continue sending royalties as I was leaving. So they said they would stop printing. Books 1-3 sold fairly well

over the years.

I was asked to write an ethics book for China so I revised and expanded 15 of the 24 chapters of "Shut Tsin Lun Lei Hok", left out a section of Communism which is now not relevant, and left the remaining chapters more or less unchanged. The new translator was a Mr Tsai Ping Cheng, a former priest from Taiwan now married to a secretary in the Catholic Truth Society, Coine Road; <sup>he lives in Canada!</sup> Needless to say he did not approve of Ng Mow Sang's <sup>Chinese</sup> Chinese. The Seminary (Aberdeen) agreed to publish it - one printing for HK, and another in simplified character for China. As you would expect the new translation had to be improved many times and though it should have been published at the latest in 1999 it did not appear until 2001 when I was already here! The simplified character edition has not yet been printed, as far as I know, and the German donation to cover the cost remains unpaid. The HK edition is nicely printed.

I keep in contact with HK through Leo Goodstadt, husband of Rose Young (Social Welfare o "Top Hot" underwear) who visits me every week and since he gets the HK papers on the internet he is well informed about what is happening. There are regular programs in Cantonese on the Dutch radio which I listen to sometimes. And by accident I heard some long discussions on HK politics in Cantonese on short-wave - perhaps from HK.

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There are now thousands of Chinese in Ireland - most of them students from the Mainland, I think. We hear two of them working here at week-ends - there may be more Cantonese working in restaurants. When I hear about the problems of schools in Ireland I see how lucky we seem to have such good students in Wah Yan who had to face so many difficulties and whose parents and grandparents had faced such enormous difficulties and worked so hard and made so many sacrifices for the good of their children. I remember well the great hardships that most people had to face in 1952 and when Hong Kong grew more prosperous than were other kinds of difficulties to overcome the people met them with the same courage and patience and often with good humour. We were indeed fortunate to be teaching the children of such parents. God bless them all!

I remember well you told me about your own struggle with the question of the future course of your life... how to decide the best future of your children. I am sure that you did the right thing in keeping them together when they were young - you had many problems after you left the relative security of your life in HK.

I hope that you managed to keep in good health and that you are enjoying your retirement. One thing I am sure of is that you are keeping busy.

Since I began writing this letter we have passed the 10th anniversary of Rex's death - 29 Nov. 1992. The official date given seems to be 30 Nov., the date he was found dead. But it seems that he went down in the previous evening around 9.0 p.m. & sometime later became confused in his mind. Thought he was in his bedroom, took out his glasses, watch etc. neatly on the ground and got into the oil drum - waste bin and could not get out. He would have died very quickly. Not long before his death he told me the Parkinson's was causing him mental confusion. Most probably it was the medication that was affecting his mind. (I had a similar experience and had to change the medicine) Dr Gabriel Yu, psychiatrist, said that this was the most likely cause of death. I always remember it happened on a Sunday night. R.I.P.

Well, this letter is much longer than intended, but I must not end without thanking you for all the help you gave me in those days long ago. I can never forget it.

Wishing you and all your family every blessing and happiness at Christmas and in the New Year. Yours very sincerely, Peter Brady n.