

Here is a letter Sr. Ellen sent to mark the one year since her arrival in Korea

Dear Sr. Monica Mary, Sisters and Associates

November 12 marked one year since my arrival in Korea. Although the language still presents a big hurdle for me, other things are becoming familiar. On November 23 we started making the winter kimchi, so I have come full circle!

So far we have been having unusually warm weather. Last year I thought I would never thaw out as there is no central heating. Individual rooms can be warmed, but the building was cold. I hope Sisters Viviana and Scholastica are adjusting to the overheated houses and over freezing outdoors.

There have been a lot of changes around here, from circular tables in the dining room; a new door to the Regional House; many rooms renovated from the retreat house to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor; to expansion of the garden and the building of the “White House” to process the products of the garden.

I had a good retreat with a Jesuit who says he speaks KorEnglish. There were 4 of us in the group including a woman from the Finch-Bayview area in Toronto and a Sister from Indonesia who works in Seoul. I am still teaching English as well as helping in the laundry and dining room. Korean Thanksgiving was the end of September and I learned to make some of the traditional foods. Speaking of food, I haven't lost any weight as some had predicted, so I'm glad Sr. Helena didn't make my habits any smaller.

Please, continue to pray for me as I need all the help I can get.

Love and prayers,

Sr. Ellen



The Chapel as seen on a foggy fall day from the computer room.

**Impressions & activities in Korea with  
Srs. Angelis and Daria,  
and a group of sisters practicing their culinary skills**

