



## President's Profile

# St. Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association, Ontario Canada

**Name:** [Herman Vijayakumar]



**Years as Student:** [1971 - 1980]

**Standing with OBA Colombo** Gen. Secretary OBA Colombo [ 1996 – 1998]

**Standing with AA, Ontario**

Presidency: 2005 - 2007

Member in Executive Committee: 2000 - 2014

Member Since: 2000

**Narrative:**

The first Christmas Party with more focus on the central message of the season putting children of the members of our Alumni Association and well-wishers in the front and centre of our celebration was launched in December 2005, soon after the new committee assumed office under the Presidency of Herman P. Vijayakumar. This renewed the enthusiasm of the children as well as the collective participation of the parents and significantly increased the participation of young Patricians to make more valuable contribution to the activities and events of our Alumni Association. This strategy helped us to forge a renewed working relationship among Patricians of different age groups and led us to help our Alma Mater in more meaningful ways especially during the unsettled period in Jaffna.

**Progression:**

During the two-year period of 2005 to 2007, the Association was able to make the following significant financial contribution in line with our primary motive of helping our Alma Mater.

**Flood Relief Effort by AA Ontario:**

In response to the dire need that resulted from floods, we remitted CAD 5,300 to the Rector to look after the immediate

needs of the people who sought shelter in the college.

□ **Donation for the Patrician Cause:**

Handed over CAD 2,000 to the Rector Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam when he visited Toronto and attended a fellowship dinner with committee members.

Further to be in line with our vision of promoting fellowship among Patricians and well-wishers in the Greater Toronto Area, during this period our Association

• **Social Activities:**

Organized a summer picnic in close partnership with Holy Family Convent Jaffna Alumni Association and St. Anthony's College Kyats Alumni Association in Toronto.

• **Visitation of Departed Patricians:**

Formalized a procedure and put into practice the funeral visitation and displaying symbolic gestures for Patricians who served in our committee and well-wishers who had been helpful to us in various ways.