



## President's Profile

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

**Name:** [John Edirimanasinghe]



**Years as Student:** [ N/A ]

**Standing with AA,  
Ontario**

Presidency: 2007 - 2008

Member in Executive Committee: 2002-2008

Member Since: 1997

**Narrative:**

During John's term of 2007 to 2008, the Association was able to accomplish a number of initiatives, thereby taking the association in the step forward left by our previous Presidents. These initiatives demonstrate milestones of our long term goals as we move forward to solidify our constitutional commitments of promoting friendship and social activities at the same time focusing on our objectives of helping our Alma Mater.

**Progression:**

Our Progress & Achievement during the last 12 months

**Jaffna Schools Carol Services:-**

We continue to support and take part in the Carol Services that was held on 1st 2007 at the Bridle Park Tamil Christian Church. Our Special Thanks all the committee, non-committee and the spouses who took part in the Services.

**Christmas Dinner/Dance:-** Our Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance was held on December 8th 2007 at Swagat Banquet Hall. It was well attended by Patricians and their Family.

### **Seniors' Party:-**

The annual seniors' party was held on June 2nd 07 at 3380 Eglinton Ave East Condominium Hall. The seniors enjoyed the evening by taking part in signing

And quiz competition. The committee has scheduled this years seniors' party on 31st May 08. Venue will be same.

### **Welcome dinner to Rector Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam:-**

The former committee hosted a dinner in honour of Rector Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam who visiting Toronto. The dinner was held on April 12, 2007. During the dinner former President presented him with a cheque for \$2,000. The same committee donated \$5,300 in the previous year. Current committee will maintain and continue to help our Alma Mater in the same manner financially.

### **Jaffna Schools Sports Meet:-**

The annual sports meet held by Jaffna Schools Sports Association was held on August 5, 07 at Sri John MacDonalld Collegiate. This is in line with our commitment to promote sports activities among our members. We participated in last year's event. We thank Kingsley Sebastiampillai for his continuous support. We have already made arrangement to take part this year's summer sports events.

### **Funerals:-**

The committee also records the passing away of two prominent Patricians, J. J. Philips and Augustine Jeyanathan. The committee members attended their funerals and placed wreath ion behalf of the association.

**InterSector:-** Our fellowship has grown through out the world especially. Thanks to InterSector which keep us informing all our success, achievements, birth or death of our members or their dear one. Thanks to Sathijeevan Aloysius and Ranjan Ferdinand. We also thank Gilroy Ponniah for his continuous support to our website <http://www.spcalumni.org>

### **Change of Rectors:-**

The Executive Committee of St. Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association of Canada congratulates Rev. Fr. Jero Selvanayam on his appointment as the Rector of our Alma Mater. May God bless him and guide him in his new appointment.

Our greeting also goes to him on his golden 50th birthday. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Rev. Fr. Jero Selvanayagam.

Our wishes also go to Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam on his retirement as Rector of St. Patrick's College - Jaffna. His task of converting a one time refuge camp back to St. Patrick's College was greatly admirable. Congratulations Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam on your tremendous achievement and retirement.

May God bless and guide both our past and future Rectors.

**Last 6 years of donations:**

In the last 6 years we have donated closer to Rs: 600,000 to our Alma Mater. These funds have been kept in a Perpetual Trust and bring a higher interest to support our school in the daily financial matters.

We thank our past committee members and current Committee members to their tireless support and fellowship:

**Masses in Honor of St. Patrick's feast:-**

Two masses were said in honor of St. Patrick's feast