



President's Profile

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

Name: [Anton Sinnarassa Philip]



Years as Student: [1966 - 1972]

**Standing with AA,
Ontario**

Presidency: 2003 - 2005

Member in Executive Committee: 1998 - 2013

Member Since: 1994

Narrative:

Anton Sinnarassa is one of the pioneers of our Association during its infancy years. He was also part of the backbone of our organization's 27 year growth. The alumni footprint of our alma mater is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers like Mr. Sinnarassa.

During the two-year period of 2003 to 2005, Anton Sinnarassa and his team had worked hard in driving the association as a more effectual, and friendship oriented entity with a clear aim of bringing good to our Alma Mater.

Progression:

We had our St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance and Christmas Dinner Dance both years successfully (2003-2004). In those days we need to find the Community Halls, look for caterers set up the tables and decorate the place and keep the price as low as 20 dollars per person. I gratefully remember Gerrard Simonpillai - the present president for his great contributions during those days providing table cloth and other useful items without cost. We were able to have 200 to 240 people for all four occasions. We didn't have the

luxury of giving the whole responsibility to a Banquet Hall and handover a bigger cheque.

Our Contribution towards Perpetual Trust Fund (PPT) of St Patrick's College:

PPT was established in 2002 and they were looking for contribution from Alumni Association in diaspora. I had a long discussion with PPT Trustees and I was nominated as one of the trustees from Canada (2002-2007). I took the initiative along with the support of the Executive Committee to organize a musical Gala night at the Ontario Science Centre Auditorium with help of "SURUTHI" music group and was able raise Eight Thousand Dollars (Expenses was another 5000 Dollars - Auditorium and Musical Instrument rents. SURUTHI music group performed under the leadership of Anantham Philip Antony without charge).

On behalf of the Association, I handed over the Cheque of 8000 Dollars to Rev. Fr. Rector Justin Gananpragasam at the Global Reunion of St. Patrick's College Alumni, held in London England in 2005. That fund remains at the PPTrust and now it should be in the account of PPT Trust fund with the amount over million rupees along with the interest. We were the first and largest contributor towards the PPT Trust Fund.

Honouring Former Rector Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph as "Modern Architect of St. Patricks"

During the time of my Presidency, I had the great privilege of welcoming former Rector Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph to Canada who made a sudden visit. We organized a reception to celebrate his arrival with the Dinner at Royal Queen Banquet Hall on Eglinton Rd, Scarborough. We honored him with the most prestigious award as "Modern Architect of St. Patricks". I arranged his journey to London Ontario to meet his old friend Most. Rev. John Sherlock. As far as I remember he served the college as Prefect of Studies of the Middle Schools from 1958 to 1979 and as Rector from 1979 -1992.