



# St. Pat's Alumni Association Patrician

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Weekend



23 – 24 October 2004

- **Who**
  - *All St. Pat's Alumni and their guests*
- **Why**
  - *To celebrate 75 years of excellence in education and life skills*
  - *To see old friends and classmates*
- **When**
  - *Saturday 23 October*
    - *Cheer at St. Pat's HS Senior Football Game (2- 4 pm)*
    - *Pub Night (5 pm – 1 am)*
  - *Sunday 24 October*
    - *St Pat's Commemorative Liturgy (10 am)*
- **Where**
  - *St Pat's High School, 2525 Alta Vista Drive*
- **Cost**
  - *\$12 per person (advance), \$15 per person (at the door)*
- **Registration**
  - *On line at: [www.stpatsalumni.com](http://www.stpatsalumni.com)*
  - *By mail: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion  
c/o St Patrick's H.S.  
2525 Alta Vista Dr., Ottawa, ON K1V 7T3*

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## President's Message \_\_\_\_\_

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Patrick's High School. From its modest beginnings in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's church with 135 students, to today's campus of 1,100 students, the spirit and traditions of St. Pat's continue. And what a history we've had! We've endured closings and five relocations, name changes, and new school boards. We've also seen ourselves go from an all boys Catholic institution to a Catholic co-ed, multi-cultural, multi-faith school.

Over these years we've seen graduate students become professional athletes, politicians, scholars, medical professionals, successful entrepreneurs and successful contributors in both the private and public sectors. And let's not forget the 86 alumni who gave up their lives to protect and preserve our values.

Throughout these years, the very traditions and spirit of St. Pat's that were originally brought to us by the 155 Oblate Priests and Brothers and lay persons associated with the school as teachers, staff and administrators continue today with the staff of the Alta Vista campus. Though the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Lacombe Province, are no longer active within the school, they continue to be part of the high school through the St. Peter's Province Oblate Bursary. This 75<sup>th</sup> year will see the first deserving student receive a \$1,000 scholarship from this bursary.

In June 2003, thanks to your contributions, graduating students Gloria Bello and Breann Lariviere each received a \$500 bursary from our St. Pat's Alumni Bursary fund. In addition, the Alumni Association presented a \$500 cheque from our Bursary Fund to the St. Patrick's High School Student Assistance program.

Our "high tech" initiative to have alumni register on-line to receive our newsletter has come up short of our expectations. To date we have only 123 alumni registered on our site. It was hoped that a greater number of our readership would take advantage of this high tech method and thus help us reduce our newsletter printing and mailing costs. Next year our newsletter will only be sent via e-mail, therefore if you don't have a computer and wish to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please complete and return the enclosed form. Otherwise please register at [www.stpatsalumni.com](http://www.stpatsalumni.com).

In this newsletter, you'll find a letter from Bill Paynter, a former staff member of St. Pat's. Bill has been an active participant of the Association since its

early beginnings and believes in the mission of the Alumni Association. Bill wrote this letter because he cares. Can you fill his requests?

You'll also find details regarding our 75<sup>th</sup> Alumni reunion. Our Committee Chair, Marc Ouellet, is looking for volunteers. Please read the article for more details or go to [www.stpatsalumni.com](http://www.stpatsalumni.com).

This year is my last year as your President. I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their continuing support. In closing I would like to thank all the alumnus and alumna who have continued to demonstrate their unwavering support for our Association through their generous donations. Many thanks from the Alumni Association and from the students. Congratulations St. Pat's on your 75th Anniversary and continued success in the future.

**Paul Ouellet**


# Doran Alumni Award 2004

Sister Anna Clare Berrigan, gsjc

**The Doran Alumni Award is presented to a former St. Pat's student or staff member who has upheld the traditions and values of St. Patrick's High School, even after leaving the school**

Sr. Anna Clare first came to St. Pat's as Principal in the 1983-84 school year, remaining for 4 years. During her tenure she supervised the re-introduction of the senior high school grades, which came with full government funding. More importantly, she oversaw the return of the Oblate traditions; re-establishing roots which had been lost after St. Pat's had closed in 1973, and instilling a sense of history and pride in the students and staff.

After retiring from the Ottawa Separate School Board in 1987, Sr. Anna Clare moved to Toronto where she was executive assistant in the Counseling and Membership Service Department of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association. Three years later, she retired from OECTA and moved to Mount Currie, British Columbia where she became the administrator of the aboriginal Mount Currie School, with students from early childhood to adult students. There she instituted the Learn to Earn Program, which was designed to encourage dropouts to return to school. During this year Sr. Anna Clare lived in a trailer on the reserve until the native Principal returned from getting her Master's degree and took over the school again. Even after leaving the school and moving to Vancouver, Sr. Anna Clare continued to write proposals to the B.C. government on behalf of the elderly and disabled natives. She was able to get enough money to allow a 21-year-old disabled aboriginal woman, then living in Vancouver, to return to the reserve to be with her family.

From 1995 to 1996, Sr. Anna Clare taught ESL at the Language and Cultural University in Beijing, China

Sr. Anna Clare returned to Mount Currie after her time in China. Here she continued to fight on behalf of the natives, particularly the elderly. Through her efforts members of the community were able to purchase a van, which allowed them to get from the reserve to town and back again.

Sr. Anna Clare returned to Zunyi, where she taught ESL from 1998 to 1999. Her students were medical students. Although she had hoped to remain in China longer, failing eyesight forced her to return to Canada.

Many teachers, students and others who have had the privilege of knowing Sr. Anna Clare over the years, recall with fondness, her strength of spirit, her generosity, loyalty and great heart.

In 2000, Sr. Anna Clare became the local leader of 16 Sisters at St. Patrick's Home in Ottawa where she remains today volunteering with elderly Alzheimer's patients.

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## A Message from the Principal

Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations started with flair last October.

On Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated two beautiful 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving masses, led by six Oblate priests, each of whom was a student or teacher (some both) of St. Pat's. Father Tom Cassidy presided, joined by Fr. Laurie Conlon, Fr. Frank Kavanagh, Fr. Carl Kelly, Fr. John Darly and Fr. Moe Schroeder. Msgr. Bob Martineau, pastor of St. Patrick's Basilica, joined us for the second mass. This was just the beginning of our year-long celebration.

The next day, one of our more famous alumni, Premier-elect Dalton McGuinty addressed a full student assembly. We felt especially honoured as this was his first major public appearance in Ottawa after his election victory.

Mr. McGuinty told students he had met his wife at a similar assembly at St. Pat's (on Heron Road) in his Grade 12 year. He spoke of the need for students to actively involve themselves in the political process as they proceed with their education. Mr. McGuinty spoke of the value of public service, something he learned from his father. He fielded a number of questions on tuition costs, special education, driver licensing, etc. before accepting a school sweatshirt presented by Shannon O'Donnell, our Student Council President.

### Joe Mullaly

Principal

### Mission Statement

The St. Pat's Alumni Association was founded in order to preserve, foster and perpetuate the spirit and traditions of St. Pat's as developed by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Peter's Province, by continuing the fellowship among the alumni, both students and staff, through ongoing communication, social functions and activities which will also assist St. Pat's with its practical needs of today.



# St. Pat's



## Student Achievements

### 2002-2003

#### Environmental Club

- Environmental School Award by the OCCSB Environment Action Committee

#### Senior Boys Soccer Team

- East Conference Finalists

#### Junior Boys Soccer Team

- East Conference Semi-finalists

#### Junior Boys Football Team

- NCSSAA Finalists

#### Senior Boys Basketball

- NCSSAA 'AAAA' Finalists

Graduates received Scholarships totaling over \$430,000

13 of our students won Elizabeth II Scholarships

### 2003-2004

#### CHEO Poster Contest

- Anna Lorentz' art work was featured on CHEO merchandise

#### Senior Boys Football Team

- NCSSAA Champions

#### Senior Boys Soccer Team

- East Conference Champions/NCSSAA Finalists

#### Senior Boys Basketball Team

- University of Ottawa Tournament Finalists
- NCSSAA 'AAAA' Champions (4<sup>th</sup> NCSSAA Championship in 6 years)

#### Junior Boys Basketball Team

- Finalists in the St. Peter & St. Pat's Tournaments

#### Senior Boys Soccer Team

- East Conference Champions (2 of the last 3 years)/NCSSAA Finalists (2 of the last 3 years)

#### Wrestling

- Finalists in City Championships. Five students went to the OFSAA, 4 of them girls.

#### Senior Boys Indoor Soccer

- Queen's University Invitational Indoor Soccer Tournament Champions (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row)

#### STUDENT CHARITY EVENTS

Breakfast for Cancer - raised \$4,050 for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre

Casino Night - raised \$1,200 for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre

Spring Shave - 22 teachers & 10 students had their heads shaved or donated their hair for wigs, raising \$6,250 for the Canadian Cancer Society for Pediatric Cancer

Black History Show - raised \$1,000 for the Ottawa Kumbo Clean Water Project, which provides clean water for villagers in Kumbo, Cameroon

Thinkfast - raised \$1,587.37 for Canadian Catholic Office Development and Peace for Third World projects

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# St. Pat's 75<sup>th</sup> May Mark the End of the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Who cares? I do! The other nine members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors do. Our 2003 newsletter devoted a full page to our new web site requesting that each alumna and alumnus who uses the web register on our site. Two thousand, five hundred newsletters went out. Fewer than 5% of our alumni registered. I believe they care.

St. Pat's has had to struggle since Day 1. Maybe that's why St. Pat's and its graduates have been so successful! The school was born in the depression in 1929, the dream of visionaries of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. They saw a need and opened a school on Laurier Avenue East. In 1930 it became St. Patrick's College High School on Echo Drive.

In 1967 the Oblate Fathers saw a need to further this dream and relocated to Heron Road where St. Pat's and Notre Dame formed the Campanile Campus. The Provincial election of 1971 resulted in no further funding to the senior grades of Catholic high schools. Notre Dame would go out of existence and the Green and Gold would become St. Patrick's Junior High School.

I may be the appropriate person to write this for two reasons. I taught at St. Pat's from 1961 to 1982. I taught at the Echo Drive and Heron Road sites when St. Pat's was a High School and a Junior High School. Secondly, a short time ago an alumnus remarked to me that St. Pat's was a good school, but that a school is a school. I cannot accept that. St. Pat's was and is a great school and its best days are yet to come.

If you believe that a school is a school and that St. Pat's is nothing special, ask some of your fellow alumni if they agree. Ask the Right Honourable John Turner, former Prime Minister of Canada; ask the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario; ask His Worship, Bob Chiarelli, Mayor of Ottawa; ask Sister Anna Clare, G.S.I.C., former Principal; ask Michael Chambers, President of the Canadian Olympic Committee; ask Senator/Doctor Wilbert Keon; ask Angelo Gavillucci who has won Para-Olympic and disabled games medals around the world; ask Father Tom Cassidy, O.M.I., former student and former teacher, Chaplain of the Alumni Association who was recently installed as the Superior of the Ontario Community of the Lacombe Canada Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Finally, talk to the founding members of the Alumni Association, the Honourable Justice Peter Wright, the Alumni Board's first President; Douglas McLarty, Managing Director of McLarty & Co., Chartered Accountants, the first Treasurer; and Barry Turner, former Member of Parliament, who coordinated the first newsletter. None of these people will accept that St. Pat's is just another school.

There are currently ten members on the Alumni Board of Directors. Only two are under fifty years of age. Six have

served for ten or more years. Our constitution allows for twenty Directors.

I am going to ask each alumna and alumnus to do 5 things:

1. Register on the Alumni web site. We can't afford \$1,500.00 for newsletter postage.
2. Ask another former student to do the same. They may not have received this.
3. Please consider attending a meeting of the Board of Directors. There may be a role for you.
4. Make a donation to the cause. Small or smaller is acceptable.
5. If you feel that the St. Pat's Alumni Association is irrelevant, please give me a call at 613-824-1587. I would like to learn why.

I haven't mentioned the late Father J. Harold Conway, O.M.I., Member of the Order of Canada, who was President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, as well as serving on the Board of the World Teachers' Organization. Father Harold was Principal of St. Pat's on Echo Drive for sixteen years. That man had more careers that one could count.

His last career came in 1985 when the Province of Ontario granted full funding to Catholic High Schools. Father Harold became a force for kids to rely on at the Heron Road site and in 1993, the Alta Vista Drive site where St. Pat's is today. He could still see a family resemblance in a youngster and remembered the name of the father and uncles. But his greatest contribution was helping kids from African countries, from Angola to Zimbabwe. He helped these special kids to become a part of the St. Pat's community, as well as helping them to know they were valued. Father Harold didn't care where the school was located. What he knew was that it was St. Pat's and that he could make difference.

I have one more request – number 6. Please come out to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. You'll see old friends, make new ones and have a great time. Hope to see you there!

*Bill Paynter*



# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Weekend 23-24 October 2004

The planning is well underway to ensure that the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a memorable one for the former staff and students of St Pat's. In the Irish spirit, we are keeping activities short, sweet and simple with all events taking place at the High School. The reunion weekend will start with a nostalgic chance to cheer for the Green and Gold at a specially scheduled league football game Saturday afternoon that will see the Green Gaels up against one of our old arch rivals, St Pius X. Following the football game and through the evening, our registration desk will be set up to allow you to pay for or pick up your prepaid reunion tickets, name tags and reunion gift.

The evening's activity is a Pub Night that will start at approximately 5:00 pm. This event will feature bar refreshments, pub food and a relaxed atmosphere allowing maximum opportunity to mix and mingle with former classmates, teachers and friends of old. There will be no speeches unless somebody wishes to make one and all alcohol can be consumed inside the school instead of behind the school as many of you were accustomed to. Finally, the reunion weekend and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will end Sunday morning with a commemorative liturgy.

The cost for the weekend is \$12 per person for advanced tickets and \$15 per person at the door. All proceeds will go towards paying for the weekend or will be added to the Alumni account in support of student programs and scholarships. Please let us know if you will be attending by registering:

- Online at the St Pat's Alumni website, [www.stpatsalumni.com](http://www.stpatsalumni.com);
- By mail to - Alumni President  
c/o St. Patrick's High School,  
2525 Alta Vista Dr.,  
Ottawa, ON. K1V 7T3

***N.B. All advanced ticket payments (cash or cheque) must be sent to the mailing address***

Finally, we are always looking for some volunteers to put a couple of hours into making this reunion weekend smooth running and fun for all. If you can spare some time to help out, please contact the Reunion Chairman, Marc Ouellet, through the website or by phone at (613) 299-0722.

**See you in October!**

*Congratulations!*

To Father Tom Cassidy, O.M.I. (class of '56) on having been named Superior of the Ontario Community of the Lacombe Canada Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

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