



**ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION JUNIOR  
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

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**Introduction**

The St Joseph's Institution Junior (SJIJ) Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was registered back in 1969 and we are unique as the PTA is a registered association with the Registrar of Societies, joined by both parents and staff and it is all for the benefit of our boys.

The PTA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 and this year it is 52 years old. It is one of the few schools that has a PTA, unlike most other schools which follow the structure of a Parent Support Group (PSG).

The PTA Management Committee (MC) had set up sub-committees to help run and manage the various PTA activities.

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the PTA had to curtail and cancel many of the activities during the first half of the year. However, after the circuit breaker ended and we entered Phase 2, we were able to organise the following activities.

**National Day Community Service Project – “Bringing Smiles, Delivering Warmth”**



“Bringing Smiles, Delivering Warmth”, was a National Day Community Service project by the PTA, in collaboration with SMILE SG (a non-profit organisation) to organise a food distribution for 2000 migrant worker patients recovering in the Singapore EXPO's COVID-19 Care Facility. We showed our support for this food distribution by garnering donations from parents, students and staff to

purchase the required snacks and getting our boys to make cards of encouragement for the migrant worker patients during the Living Well lessons on 4 & 6 August.

On 9 August, SMILE SG helped us to deliver these cards to the 2000 migrant worker patients at the Singapore EXPO's COVID-19 Care Facility, together with the yummy treats of chocolate cakes, Vitasoy packet drinks, bananas and healthy nuts bought with the \$6773.25 raised in our donation drive.

### Teachers' Day Appreciation



To express our gratitude to our teachers and staff, the PTA MC and parents of SJIJ celebrated Teachers' Day for the teachers and staff with giant cupcakes, handmade unique keychains in SJIJ colours.

The giant cupcakes represented the care and thoughtfulness the teachers and staff give to our pupils. The keychains represented each boy that they have been patient and kind to. They are made with crystal-shaped beads in SJIJ colours, and unique tags with a SJIJ boy drawn on each of them.

All were individually packed, delivered to the school's General Office and distributed by the PTA Teachers to the other teachers and staff.

Many parents supported and contributed towards the above, as well as customised SJIJ masks for the teachers at the end of the year. We thank the teachers and staff for all their hard work especially during these incredibly difficult times in 2020.

## PSLE Prayer Vigil



The 5 days of PSLE Prayer Vigil was spearheaded by PTA mum, Karren together with Catholic Parent volunteers Jacklyn, Caroline and Nick Mowe.

It was on held virtually on Zoom and there were a total of 56 registered participants. On average, there was around 45 to 50 participants each day, except on HMT day where there was around 33 participants. We had Fr Eugene Vaz, Fr Edward Seah, Fr Jerome and Fr Ferdinand to celebrate Mass for all the participants.

We had the honour to also invite Fr Damien Lin to give a 3-day talk on parenthood. It was conducted after mass on the first three days of the vigil. A session of rosary prayers was also held on the last day of the vigil for the participants.

Love offering was collected through the good will of the parents and the funds raised was used to defray the cost of the vigil while the remaining amounts was donated to the La Salle school in Pouthum, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Other preparation work such as the making of the rosaries for all P6 boys were undertaken by other Catholic Parent Volunteers Lynn, Florence, Eunice, Michelle and Chrishirl.

## Children's Day MovieFiesta-in-Class



In line with safe management restrictions, the PTA organised a **Children's Day MovieFiesta-in-Class** this year on 8 October. "Wa is for Wayang", a light-hearted, yet educational local movie about an Indian boy who decided to join a wayang troupe, was specially curated by the PTA for the special treat to our boys! The boys thoroughly enjoyed the 45-minute movie treat with popcorn and candy floss in class! They also received a customised face mask with SJIJ logo each as Children's Day gift.

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