



Rector's Message on St. Patrick's Day 2011

Dear Patricians

In great joy, together with the staff and students in Jaffna, I convey the greetings for St Patrick's Day 2011. Being united to all of you *Patricians around the globe*, in spirit and prayer, we are gathering in the College chapel to celebrate the Festive Mass. The Main celebrant is Fr. Eugene Francis, the Chaplain of our Alumni Association UK for the last ten years, who is presently the Pastor of Fatima Shrine, Pandeteruppu.

We remember all of you Past Patricians, who enriched the Patrician heritage. Presently your interest and enormous support in the growth and welfare of the College, is a great motivation to all of us here to do our best to the present generation of Patricians who are heirs to this glorious tradition.

As we meet for this memorable event, may I put forward our **Major Project** for the College, an **Auditorium**, which will also serve three different purposes.

- a) First of all, it will be a well furnished **Concert Hall** with all facilities and a balcony to accommodate more than 1000 persons.
- b) The inner space will be used for **Indoor sports and gymnastics**.
- c) The Facade of the Auditorium will also be used as **Pavilion** for the new Basket ball court.

At present the Hall in 2nd floor of the Mathews Block is used as Concert Hall with limited facilities. Because of the low roof, it is very warm most of the time. The seating facilities are poor. Those seated far behind, cannot view anything on the stage. The new Auditorium will cost about 45 million Sri Lankan Rupees (450,000 US \$). Pooling the contributions of all Patricians at home and abroad, I am certain that this project will soon be a reality. Preparatory plans are complete, and we are trying to build up the funds. Already there is very positive enthusiastic response from many Patricians. I earnestly appeal to all Patricians to contribute your share to this Major project either collectively through your alumni branches or individually.

The Building fund Account details are :

Bank Name: **Commercial Bank, Jaffna**

Account Name: **Building fund, St. Patrick's College.**

Account Number: **8060078434**

Swift Code: **CCEYLK LX**

Looking forward to your valuable support,

We are glad to announce that the **St. Patrick's Day mass** at the College Chapel and other Programme will be **telecast through our new web site:**
www.spcjaffna.com

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