

Date of Ordination - October 19, 1970

Dear Rev Fr Bernard

*As you celebrate
the Golden Jubilee of your
Sacerdotal Ordination*

We, St Patrick's College Jaffna

Melbourne OBA

send our warmest greetings

"Ad Multos Felicissimos Annos"

Rev Fr A. I. Bernard

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It is with the greatest pleasure that we, at St Patrick's College Jaffna, Melbourne OBA, write this message of felicitations on the event and occasion of Rev Fr Bernard's Golden Jubilee celebrations on October 19, 2020. As the College's past Rector, many of our members were students of Fr Bernard. All of us Patricians in Melbourne join others from all over the world who have been fortunate to have known Fr Bernard in his many ministries and have been blessed by his wisdom, enthusiasm, fight for human rights to name just of his qualities and achievements. We pray to God to grant Fr Bernard abundant grace, good health and courage to continue to touch and transform many more lives.

Jeyandra Antonipillai

President SPC Jaffna -Melbourne OBA

Messages from members of Melbourne OBA



Hello Rev Fr Bernard,

It was pleasure being a student while you were our Prefect of Studies. My greetings and well wishes on your Golden Jubilee Celebration. All the very best for your future endeavours and have a healthy life Father. - Balendran Sockalingam.

Dear Fr. Rector,

I am so glad to write these greetings for your golden Jubilee, I was there as a student for your silver jubilee at school as well. We wish you as a whole family for your good health and God's blessings for your great service as a priest to continue for long time. Best wishes from Niruban & Vimalathas Family". - Niruban.

Dear Fr Bernard,

A golden jubilee of any occasion is a great milestone in a person's life. As you celebrate this great achievement, I am honoured to join all members of my family who have all known you for a long time in wishing you God's blessings to continue your Apostolate for many, many more years. - James Joseph.

Dear Fr Bernard

As you celebrate golden jubilee of servicing God, I congratulate and thank God for the blessings you have received. Will continue to pray for more blessings to be showered upon you. - Berchmans Tennakone.

Dear Fr Bernard,

You lived and showed us how Rector can be tough, disciplined and friendly at the same time during our school days. Your voice for human rights during the war made our Alma Mater proud. God keep you well and give strength to glorify his name. Jeyandra Antonipillai

Dear Fr Bernard!

As you celebrate this special Ordination anniversary this year, let me take this opportunity to wish you and to thank God for how far He has led you, we thank Him for opening the door of service to you and for making it possible for you to serve many people, as you look back from where the journey began. May our good Lord give you new perspective so that you can creatively deliver what He called you to do, let God guide and help you to rise to greater heights, once again I say Happy Golden Jubilee. I would like to join the rest of the OBA members in registering my wishes to you as you mark this special occasion in your priesthood, it has been a long journey with ups and downs but with the love of God and His unfailing grace, you have reached where you are today, my prayer is that He who started this good work in you will bring it to completion. Keep trusting in Him, we are together in this journey, God bless you always. Congratulations on your Golden jubilee celebration. Wishing you every best blessing from God. - Fr Neville Gnanarajah.

Dear Fr Bernard

Congratulations on your golden jubilee of priesthood. Sweet dreams from St Patrick's College when you were our Prefect of Studies. Golden memories from national seminary of Ampitiya where you were our lecturer. Are you still playing Carnatic music? Still playing tennis? Thank you for these contributions in our lives and also for your service to the Tamils. May God bless you to continue his service. - Fr Albert Yogarajah and Cornelius Sebastampillai

Fr. Bernard steered our college well both in curricular and extra-curricular activities. His yeoman's work was incredible and beyond comparison. He was second to none of that era in how he managed our College and was a Rector par excellence. God bless you, Father. Fr. A. Anton Punithakumar - Tamil Chaplain - Melbourne, Australia.