

St Joseph's Convent POS classmates celebrates 40 years of friendship

The Fifth Form Graduating Class of 1975/Sixth Form Class of 1977 of St Joseph's Convent Port of Spain celebrated the 40th anniversary of its school-leaving, from September 25-27, 2015.

Planned by a ten-member organising committee chaired by Beverly Smart, the 40th anniversary celebrations included a tour of the Angostura Museum and Barcant Butterfly Collection; a Back-in-Times Dinner and Dance celebrating the fashion and music of the 70s; and interactive presentations at Pax Guest House, Mt St Benedict, on emotional intelligence, oncology, pain management and physical therapy, led by alumni Judy Joseph Mc Sween, Cheryl Alexis, Cheryl (Mohammed) Johnson and Joanna Landreth-Smith.

The weekend culminated with Sunday Mass at the St Joseph's Convent Chapel, presided by Fr Gregory Augustine, principal of Fatima College, followed by buffet lunch at Jaffa at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain.

The soul-stirring mass featured a rousing rendition of the school song, O Alma Mater; solos by Deborah Nahous and Suzanne Moore, accompanied by keyboardist Gregory Wong-Fo-Sue; a tribute to deceased members Bernadette Bedaysie, Nadia Naraynsingh and Charmaine Winter; and a special blessing for newly-elected Speaker of the House, Bridgid Annisette-George, a member of the graduating class.

Marisa Ahwai created a website for the event that features profiles of classmates, 40th anniversary events, photo galleries, a history of the school, tributes to deceased classmates and a tour of Port of Spain for those who have not visited home recently.

A total of 46 alumni attended the festivities, including overseas-based classmates Marisa Ahwai (Bahamas); Cheryl Alexis (Barbados); Althea Brathwaite and Cheryl (Mohammed) Johnson (Canada); and Jennifer Anthony and Rabeeya (Rahaman) Reeves (USA).

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