



## National Anthem

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

## தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்து

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## School Anthem

With joyful emotion and loyal devotion  
United in chorus we honour our school.  
Familians together, supporting each other,  
To praise Alma Mater, and cherish her rule.  
We'll ever be faithful dear fostering Mother  
And promise once more to be constant and true.

Bright memories linger, of highest endeavor,  
And noble achievements which past years unfold.  
With true aspiration, let each generation  
Familian traditions and spirit uphold.  
"To God alone Glory" sublime salutation,  
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## Message From The Principal



“Give thanks to the Lord

For He is good, His Love endures forever”

*1 Chronicles 16:34*

All the Students, Teachers, and School Development Committee extend our best wishes on your 30th Anniversary celebration.

Dear members of the Jaffna Holy Family Convent Committee Canada. You have joined together during the past 30 years to help your Alma Mater. Today with great pride, you claim that you are a “Familian”, and boldly stand up for all that you had received from your Alma Mater, to be what you are today. Your loyalty and creative fidelity is helping us to keep the flame of our school alive and blazing. Your kind assistance to our school has helped fulfill many of her urgent needs. This year 21 of our students were selected to the National level in various streams. In addition, they won 1st place in the English poetry drama competition.

I hope you will continue to hold hands together in support and service.

Once again, I deeply appreciate all your commitment and generosity towards our Alma Mater.

I wish each and every one, to be a blessing and to have a blessing

**Rev. Sr. Amirtha A.T**

Principal

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### **A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD**

I'm very pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the Pearl Gala, hosted by the Jaffna Holy Family Convent Alumni Association of Canada in celebration of its 30th anniversary.

I want to congratulate all members of the association on marking this special anniversary in 2019. This is a real milestone — three decades of good work aimed at enriching the life of the Canadian-Tamil community, and raising funds to support educational and other opportunities for people in need in Sri Lanka.

I'd also like to thank all those who helped make this terrific event a success. This is a wonderful opportunity for graduates of Jaffna Holy Family Convent to connect through a memorable shared experience and to celebrate the association's achievements and years of service.

Best wishes for a memorable anniversary celebration, and for many more years of success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Doug Ford**  
**Premier**



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## Message From The Vice Patron



We are elated with the thought of our association, The Jaffna Holy Family Convent Alumni Association Canada, reaching the milestone birthday; 30th anniversary. We have grown 30 years with it. Retreating back to the start of the journey and traversing through to this day, the nostalgia confirms nothing, but all delightful thoughts and sweet memories of our association.

Ladies, let us be in the moment and rejoice and celebrate this day, because we are the best and we have so far accomplished our goals.

Let us also say a big thank you to our spouses and the children for supporting us for the past three decades. I do not think we would have been able to dedicate so much time and effort to do what we did and would be able to do what we intend to do in the future for the association.

Above all thanks to the Almighty, the Holy Spirit, Jesus, Mother Mary and Joseph for having led and guided us in the right direction during the past 30 years.

**Monica Jesudasan**

**Vice Patron**





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## Message From The President



I am delighted to welcome you to the 30th Anniversary celebration of JHFCAA Canada. The committee is heartened by the enthusiasm of the alumni and their friends who have joined us to celebrate this milestone.

We are proud to celebrate 30 years of the JHFCAA, founded in 1989 by Mrs. Theresa Alexander (who sends her regrets today) and other pioneer ladies who had the vision to continue the culture and values of our Alma Mater here in Canada. The diligent efforts of the alumni continue to support our objectives year over year, and the enriching fellowship reflects our pride in continuing this tradition.

Since 1989, we have grown and strengthened our reach each year, and this has been made possible by the dedication of our members and volunteers. Tonight is also a recognition of all those who have selflessly contributed their time and resources to the JHFCAA over the past three decades. A special thanks to the 2018-20 committee of very talented women who have worked hard for the past few months to make this night possible. We are also very fortunate to have many sponsors who have continually supported us over the years and I sincerely thank them on behalf of the committee

Our close collaboration with our alma mater continues; to date the 2018-20 committee has donated, with your support, \$10,000 for various school projects. We will also be adding a further \$10,000 (from the proceeds of this Gala) to the Perpetual Fund, established by the prior committee, which aids the long-term academic needs of the JHFC. The income from the principal (\$20,500 in total) will fund student scholarships for years to come.

We are extremely proud to announce that students from JHFC have won first place in the province wide English poetry and drama competitions and have been selected to participate at the National level. In addition, 23 grade five students have been selected for scholarships among the 115 who passed the exam. 95 of those 115 students scored 100 marks on the exam. The principal sent a heartfelt message thanking JHFCAA Canada for supporting this initiative. In the spring of this year, we were informed that 80% of the students who sat for the AL exam in 2018 got through to University in all three streams.

**Michelle Obama** said, “when you've worked hard, and done well, and walked through that doorway of opportunity...you do not slam it shut behind you...you reach back, and you give other folks the same chances that helped you succeed.”

This sentiment embodies the main values that have always been at the heart of this Alumni Association, inspiring the activity of committee members, past and present and most certainly in the future. The “give back” principle, that mutual sharing of “something” that we ourselves have previously received from the community. We are all here today to celebrate their success.

We also aim to ensure that the JHFCAA becomes increasingly a point of reference for all Alumni Associations and that the value of the JHFC brand is further strengthened, here and internationally.

I had the pleasure and honour to work with a group of very talented and inspiring women who made up the 2018-20 committee. I could not possibly have asked for more. Lastly, I strongly encourage the alumni to join the committee, to serve our alma mater in the coming years and take our association to the next level. I assure you, it will be a very rewarding and fulfilling experience.

Holy Family whom we have taken for our model protect and defend us!

**Noeline Emmanuel**

## From the Desk of Past Presidents

It is with great pleasure and pride that I write this excerpt to this magazine on the occasions of the Pearl Anniversary of the JHFCA I still consider it a great privilege and honor to have been the President of this association (Although it was known as JHF OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION.)

In the years of 1991/1992 .As I recall the years I was the president Ms Dayani Jeyanathan was the the secretary and was a strong right hand

I remember with heartfelt gratitude, at my request, late Mrs Carmelita Rajaratnam who with the few others staged a eventful entertaining successful Cultural show which enabled us to help our Alma mater monetarily. I thank all who made my presidency an unforgettable memory.

I take this opportunity of being thankful to my Alma Mater Jaffna Holy Family Convent for the great impact it made on our growing minds and which has stood in good stead all these years.

I also would like to Congratulate the committee for organizing the issue of the magazine and for the impending Gala.

Wishing you Noeline and the Committee all Gods Blessings so the association would celebrate the Golden anniversary as well.

**Stella Joseph**  
**Past President 1991- 1992**



As a proud Alumnus of the Jaffna Holy Family Convent and as the past president of the JHFC Alumni association in Toronto, I could not be prouder of our accomplishments in the past 30 yrs.

Since its inception the members of the Alumni have worked hard to establish a strong association and continue to support our Alma mater. As we celebrate the Pearl Gala this year, we are reminded of the great legacy left behind by our wonderful Alumni. Lets continue to stay connected with each other and celebrate the wonderful memories of our past.

**Sumi Praba**  
**Past President 1995-1997**



Congratulations to the executive committee and to all the members of the association on your 30th anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and sincere appreciation not only to each and every member of the committee but also to all the past committee members and members of the Association for their dedication, loyal devotion and sincere efforts in making this wonderful organization a success.

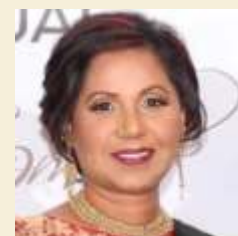
I wish you all God's blessings and many more years of success and friendship.

"Familians together, supporting each other" lets continue to work towards praising and supporting our Alma Mater.

God bless all Familians and their Families.

Best Regards

**Dayani Bernadette Jeyanathan**  
**Past President 1993-1995**



It is with great pleasure and privilege I send my greetings to the Jaffna HFC Alumni Association, as they celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> year in Canada. I am proud to be part of this organization from the inception and cherish the achievements and success throughout my journey, as a Member first and as President and later as Vice Patron during the past 30 years. Congratulations to the present and past Vice Patrons, Presidents, and the effective Committee Members for their hard work, support and commitments towards our Alma Mater.

We are very proud to see that "*Familian Spirit*" is encircling in bringing togetherness around the world by giving continued support and success to our Alma Mater with our annual events organized.

Long Live JHFC AA Canada

**Francista Jeganathan**  
**Past president (1998 – 2000)**  
**Past Vice Patron (2012 – 2014)**



I am proud to be a member of The Jaffna Holy Family Convent Alumni Association Canada. I learned immensely from every committee meeting and function organized by the association. I am very thankful to the committee for the cooperation and support extended to me to organize events and raise funds for the school during my tenure as the President.

My admiration goes to all the past presidents. Everyone has attempted to introduce new activities that helped the association to improve and make progress in its development. The current president and the committee members deserve a special applaud for all their hard work, especially for maintaining and fostering the fellowship and raising funds for the school.

Alone we can do so little;  
Together we can do so much

-Helen Keller

**Monica Jesudasan**  
**Past President 2002 - 2004**  
**Vice Patron**



Among all the well planned events the committee hosts, the Gala in the fall is something not to be missed. This year's Pearl Gala is extra special to celebrate the marvellous work of all the talented ladies from the present and past committees. I wish good health and prosperity to all who are attending the Gala tonight.

Cheers,  
**Angeline Vanniasinghe**  
**Past president 2010-2012**



It has been my great honour and privilege to be part of this prestigious Association . I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all members who have contributed to the growth of our association for the past 30 years . My sincere thanks to the current president and committee members for their hard work and dedication . Congratulations on the 30th anniversary and I wish continued success to our association.

**Bhavani Ponniah**  
**Past President 2014-2016**



Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,  
This year, our Alumni Association celebrates its 30th Anniversary and what a "Journey of Accomplishments" it has been!

As experienced by so many Presidents before me, it is what we have done that imbues our titles with value.

With the gift of a great education that I obtained from Jaffna Holy Family Convent, I was able to define and live up to the success of my predecessors.

One of the many accomplishments under my tenure, would be that of being able to provide financial assistance for the procurement of artificial prostheses to those who were left disabled in the civil war.

We have made great strides, but there is still more to do. I assure you that the time commitment is modest and the rewards of being involved far exceeds the time you will spend.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to my VP Immaculate Nicholas, Secretary Irene Anthony, Treasurer Jeanne Dominic and all the committee members during my term. We were able to achieve and accomplish the projects that we did with your never-ending gift of time.

"I think the success of any school can be measured by the contribution the Alumni make to our national life"  
John F. Kennedy

**Vijitha Valentine**  
**Past President (2008-2010)**



I am filled with pride to see Jaffna HFC alumni association Canada celebrating its 30th anniversary. My gratitude goes to all who contributed to the impressive growth of our association over the last 30 years. With God's blessings, this organization has been able to make a positive impact in the lives of the students of HFC. Wishing the current president and committee members all the best and continued success in the future. Congratulations on 30 wonderful years!

**Helena Rodrigo**  
**Past President 2012-2014**



Congratulations to all the members of JHFC Canada AA on this the organization's 30 year anniversary. Through its history, the constant has been the ever-increasing commitment of alumni community to its very worthy cause, fellowship and the continuous advancement of JHFC students. A cause for celebration in the unique style of its alumni!

**Noeline (Nimsy) Simon**  
**Past President 2016-2018**





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Dear Familian and Friends:

I am immensely delighted to send you my greetings and best wishes for your "Pearl Gala" Dinner Night in Toronto.

On behalf of fellow Patricians living in Toronto and the current committee members of the St. Patrick's College, Jaffna Alumni Association in Ontario, I wish you a very successful and memorable Gala Night.

Jaffna Holy Family Convent is more than a sister school to us. We share common values and goals and our bond is inseparable. We are also united and committed in our efforts to make positive changes in the lives of the present generation of students in our schools in Jaffna and indeed the people of our soil.

Many congratulations to all the members of the organizing committee for all your hard work. It takes lot of time and effort to organize this mammoth event and my best wishes go to all your loved ones, who are always there to lend a helping hand.

As we are all well aware, gatherings like this help us to connect with our old friends and evoke a lot of wonderful flash backs and great memories of our school days, which we cherish each and every day.

I wish the Jaffna HFC Alumni Association of Canada good luck and continued success in all your future endeavors.

Ben Jeyanathan

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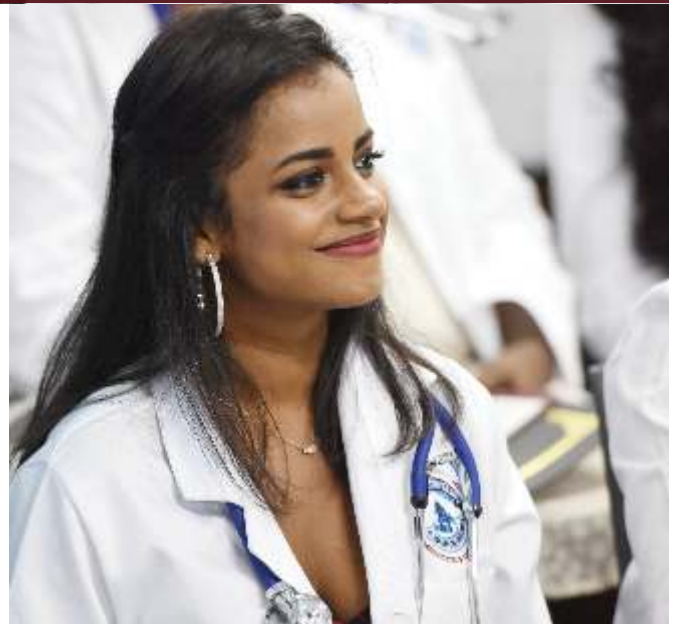
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## Alumna to Alumni

Warmest Greetings from Texas, USA

My husband Michael and I send our congratulations to the Members and Friends of the Jaffna Holy Family Convent Alumni Association Canada while celebrating thirty years of cohesiveness in helping our Alma Mater in Jaffna to evolve under testing times as well as halcyon days. We applaud those who started this Alumni Association of Jaffna Holy Family Convent in Canada thirty years ago in 1989, and all those who have been tirelessly striving to keep the association vibrant and innovative.



Our old school was started in 1845 by Mrs. Flannagan to teach English language to Jaffna girls. In 1862, the Holy Family nuns took over Mrs. Flannagan's English school for girls and established the first Holy Family Convent "English school" in Sri Lanka. A sister school was started later to teach in Tamil language by the Holy Family Nuns adjacent to the English School. Boys were also admitted to study from kindergarten to third grade while the English School functioned as a Collegiate Private School. The Jaffna Holy Family Convent Tamil School was taken over by the Government in 1961 and became Holy Family Convent Maha-Vidyalayam. Later, the Holy Family Convent Collegiate Private School that had grades up to 12, which prepared students to enter university was amalgamated with the Holy Family Convent Maha-Vidyalayam in 2002 and became a government school. The joined school was recognized as national school in 2010 by the government and named J/Holy Family Convent National School. We have indeed evolved and continued to excel even under adversity, especially during the times of two and a half decades of horrible war.

Our past students and teachers, who had very close association with the Holy Family Convent Collegiate Private School, started the JHFC AA Canada in 1989 prior to the amalgamation with the Holy family Convent Maha-Vidyalayam. Even though the Private School became a government-run school, they continue to support the National School with passion and true Familian spirit. Our sincere gratitude to the current & past committee members and all the members of the Jaffna Holy Family Convent Alumni Association of Canada for their devotion to our Alma Mater.

Happy Pearl Anniversary to Jaffna Holy Family Convent Alumni Association in Canada!

**Agnes Padmini Thambynayagam (nee Francis)**

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## Message from The President of HFC PPA UK

My dear fellow Famillians, Benefactors and friends, I was honoured and privileged to be asked by Mrs. Noeline Emmanuel to give a brief message. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the past and present executive committee members of PPA Canada, for the 30 years of dedication and passion on helping our Alma Mater tirelessly. Well done and hoping that you will continue to do bigger and better service in the years to come. As we all know it is not an easy task achieving this, with all of you being Wives, Mothers and Grand Mothers in addition to being professionals. However, nothing prevails your dedication, hard work and the motivation to give some of your time to help our Alma Mater.



As you are aware that Sr. Amirtha took over the Principal role from August 2018, and in the short period of time she has demonstrated her efficiency and professionalism in many ways. I am very confident that she will be a good asset to the school, bringing a lot of improvements and add value in many aspects, particularly in terms of education, discipline, and moral values to all the present students.

I am very pleased that the communication flow is now very smooth between, HFC PPA UK, PPA Canada and PPA Australia. It will be always beneficial if we could be transparent in the projects we undertake, as this will avoid us supporting the same projects and to share the service given to the school. As you may know in 2018-19, UK PPA has contributed towards the opening ceremony of the new auditorium and to build a cycle park

PPA UK has decided to start sponsoring under privileged students, each year to follow elocution classes. Rev. Sr. Francis has been running after school elocution classes for many years, starting from Kinder garden to grade six. These classes accommodate not only the students from HFC Jaffna, but also students form other schools in Jaffna. The selection criteria will be the ability and the poor economic background of the student.

I am also delighted to let you all know that last year we achieved our long-time goal of having our own website. It is now completed and I would urge everyone to check it on

<https://jaffna-hfc-ppa.uk>

Committee and I we pledge to continue to do our best to give our time, and effort to try and find ways to raise money helping our Alma Mater in many ways possible.

Most importantly we cannot achieve anything without the help of all of the Famillians and Friends who live in the UK and abroad.

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May God Bless you and your family.

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#### **1990-1991**

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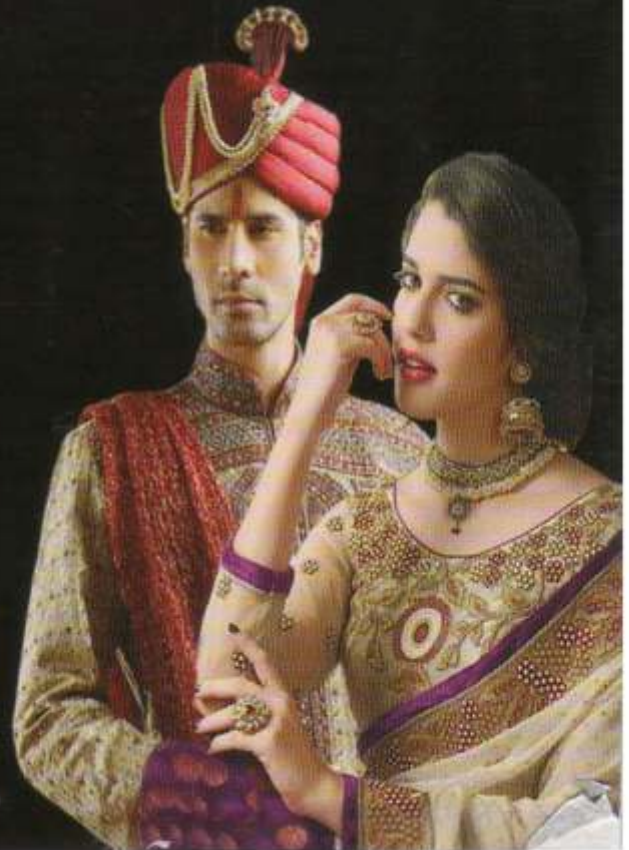
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6:00 PM	Reception
6:45 PM	Doors open
7:05 PM	Opening Prayer – Monica Jesudasan
7:10 PM	Lighting of the Lamp
7:20 PM	Anthems (O Canada, Tamil Thai Valthu) School Anthem – Familians
7:30 PM	Welcome Speech – President Noeline Emmanuel
7:35 PM	Recognition of Founding members
7:45 PM	Entertainment
8:00 PM	Address by Chief Guest – Dr Sybilla Kumar
8:05 PM	Recognition of Past Committee Members
8:20 PM	Entertainment
8:25 PM	Recognition of former JHFC teachers
8:35 PM	Vote of thanks by Secretary and Asst. Secretary
8:40 PM	Entertainment and Dance floor opens
9:20 PM	Buffet Dinner
10:15 PM	Draw for Door Prize Floor reopens for the Dance
11:30 PM	Raffle Draw/Midnight Sweet Buffet Dance Continues

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My school provides a supportive and collaborative family environment. Our principal guides us the way a father would. Our teachers love us as if we were their own children. Our friends and colleagues are always there to support us and push us towards achieving our goals. Our principal and teachers accurately identify our unique abilities and strengths, and they motivate us to always strive for success.

My school provides its students with discipline, and the opportunity to nurture good behaviour and attitudes. Our principal, teachers and our school's alumni around the globe, all provide so much incredible charity services and support. They really understand the family environment at our school, and continue to help us grow.

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