

## St Mary's University College 1964-1967 2012 Reunion Souvenir Programme



#### Dear Fellow Simmarians,

The reunion tradition at 'Simms' developed from the former Easter Religious Retreats and 'Past Student' sporting weekends, which were held annually, beginning in the late 1940's, when the College was the principal Catholic Teacher Training College in the UK.

This tradition has been continued by our own 1964-1967 cohort, which has held five reunions to date, beginning with our Silver Jubilee event, which was held at the Easter Retreat in 1992. This was followed by a reunion in conjunction with the College Sesquicentennial in May 2000, and further reunions in September 2001 and 2004, along with our 40<sup>th</sup> year of leaving reunion in September 2007.

The present 2012 reunion marks our 45<sup>th</sup> year of leaving College, and contact has been made with over half of our original cohort (N=243), along with several former members of College staff. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to attend, and those who have sent apologies regret missing what promises to be another well-supported event, with some old friends who will be attending for their first reunion.

We sincerely hope that everyone will enjoy the most varied programme of activities included so far in this sixth reunion event, and that the chance to meet, talk, reminisce and enjoy the company of former colleagues again will stimulate further interest, as we move toward our Golden Jubilee Year Reunion in 2017.

With Best Wishes, Graham Marshment, Peter Murphy, and John White Reunion 2012 Coordinators

The St Mary's College, 1964-1967 Cohort Group 45<sup>th</sup> Year of Leaving Reunion 2012.

# Programme of Events

### Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, Afternoon/Evening:

- 1. A recreational game of golf at Strawberry Hill Golf Club, with tee off at 2.00pm (own clubs/shoes Required), or a social drink for any non-players at the '19<sup>th</sup> Hole'.
- 2. A warm-up social drinks get-together in the Student Union Bar from 7.00 pm, with entertainment provided by our former 1960's College Rock Group PM Squared.

### Saturday, 1st September, Morning/Afternoon and Evening:

- 1. A guided tour of the Horace Walpole Gothic Villa, Strawberry Hill House (cost: £12.50 on the day).
- 2. A return pleasure boat cruise along the River Thames from Richmond to Kingston/Hampton Court. Meet at 2.00pm, St. Helena Pier, near the White Horse Pub, Water lane, next to Richmond Bridge, for a sailing with Turk Launches at 2.15 pm (cost: £5-£7 on the day depending on single/return trip.
- 3. An Informal Reunion Dinner in the Waldegrave Drawing Room Banqueting Suite hosted by College 7.00 pm Pre-Dinner Drinks (pay bar only) for 7.30 pm Dinner (pay bar only), hosted by Dr. Maureen Glackin, Head of the School of Education, with the after dinner speaker, Dr. George Gandy, Head of Endurance Performance, UK Athletics, and former staff member Special Guests of Honour, Bernard Loughran (Divinity) and Bill McLoughlin P.E.).

### Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Morning/Afternoon:

- 1. A Reunion mass of Remembrance for former friends in the College Chapel at 11.00 am, with the Celebrant the Reverend Father Gerard Devlin, the College Chaplain.
- 2. A Farewell Buffet Lunch at the Red Lion Pub at 1.00pm in Teddington (cost: £10 on the day). The venue is at the junction of Victor Road and Stanley Road, about a ten minute walk from College.

### Postscript:

There is every possibility that our old, adopted 'watering hole', "The Waldey", may have re-opened by the time of the Reunion, and since the route to the Red Lion passes this venerable institution, it is strongly advised not to spend too much time renewing acquaintanceship with the hallowed halls of this haven of respite, in case of missing your lunch due to stopping too long for a 'nip' of nostalgia.

We hope you enjoy your weekend. Cheers, Graham, Peter and John.

# A 'Simmaries' Quiz: How Well Do You Know Your College History?

The Institution: "Strawberry Hill", "Simmery's", "Simmies", "Simms" or "SMUC",

The Alumni: "Simmarians" or "Simmies".

- 1. Who was behind the Catholic Church's Restoration in England and the establishment of St. Mary's College?
- 2. Who is credited with the foundation of the College?
- 3. In what year and where was the College first established?
- 4. Who was initially in charge of the College?
- 5. Who, and in what year was the first appointed Principal of the College?
- 6. Six students first entered the College from Ploermel in Brittany. To which Religious Order did they belong?
- 7. In what year did the first 'lay' students enter the College and what was their background?
- 8. When did the College move to its present site and who was its Principal at the time?
- 9. How did the College's present location come to be known as "Strawberry Hill"?
- 10. 'Chopp'd Straw Hall' (1748-1790) was made into what type of residence? in which architectural style? and by whom?
- 11. In 1846 the next major phase of development "Strawberry Hill" was begun by whom?
- 12. The stained glass window of the Chapel in the Woods is dedicated to which three major occupants of Strawberry Hill?
- **13.** Identfy the ownership and translate each of the following mottos: a) "Fari Quae Sentiat", b)"Coelum Non Animum", and c) "Monstra Te Esse Matrem".
- 14. How many Vincentians priests were College Principals from 1899 to 1992 and what was the designation of their Order?
- 15. The so-called 'Twelve Apostles' entered College after WW1, under what special circumstances?
- 16. From where in Europe were the first groups of students admitted to College in 1880, 1925 and 1944 respectively?
- 17. The high altar of the present College Chapel was erected in memory of which group of students?
- 18. Two former students, Joseph O'Sullivan and Reginald Dunne, were convicted and executed for which crime in 1922?
- 19. Which member of the 'Twelve Apostles' had the distinction of becoming a Vice Principal of the College in the 1960's?
- 20. Where are the Tablets of Remembrance to students who fell in WW1 and WW2? How many are named on each?
- 21. What event in the autumn of 1940 led to the only time the College being closed to students in its history?
- 22. Which staff member later said of the WW2 air raids: "there was a kind enjoyment we that we all felt at the time"?
- 23. Only part of Strawberry Hill House was damaged in WW2. a) which part? b) by what? c) who dealt with it? d) how?
- 24. Name the two units which were formed at College in 1941 to provide military training for students.
- 25. In 1947 which groups of students almost exclusively formed the first year entry into the College?
- 26. Which annual gathering was begun in 1949, and subsequently led to future reunion activities held at College?
- 27. The 'Simmarin Union', founded in 1950 for all former students, became known as which subsequent organisation?
- 28. The 'Simmarian' was the original College Magazine from 1905, but it was replaced in 1950 by which other magazine?
- 29. Traditionally when was annual 'The Simmarian' produced, and for what particular event?
- 30. Affiliated to the 'Simmarian Association' were 6 UK 'Simmarian Clubs' and 3 overseas groups, name each of the latter.
- 31. Which UK 'Simmarian Club' was formed in 1904 and is still active today?
- 32. Who is the entertainer and Honarary Fellow, who was one of the last Chairmen of the former 'Simmarian Association'?
- **33.** Who was the architect of the impressive and imposing College Chapel, and which famous building influenced its design?
- 34. In a unique design, how was it possible to build the Chapel on the Library, and unite 'Faith over Reason' in a visible way?
- 35. Who designed the 15 stained glass Chapel windows to illustrate the traditional Mysteries in the Life of Our Lady?
- 36. Who painted the distinctive 'Reredos' featured behind the original high altar in the College Chapel?
- 37. When was the first mass celebrated in the College Chapel and who was the celebrant?
- 38. What did Pope Benedict xvi present to the College on his visit 17th August 2010, and where is it located?
- **39.** Name one student and one staff member <u>from our era</u>, who have been made 'Honorary Fellows' by the College.
- 40. During our era, what were the three progressively severe sanctions for breaches of the College Regulations?
- 41. When were the first women students admitted to College, and who was appointed Vice-Principal for Women?
- 42. To the question when would 'mixed visiting' be allowed, who said; "Never, not while there is Original Sin in the World!"
- 43. When the Intercollegiate Sports Competition was introduced in 1898, which three London Colleges participated?
- 44. Which two famous middle/distance runners met on the College athletics track in 1967, and who acted as 'interpreter'?
- **4**5.In 1999 "S.M.U.C." acquired 30 acres of land in the nearby Teddington Lock area, to be use for what purposes?

#### A Contact List for the 1964-1967 Cohort's 45th Year of Leaving Reunion, 31st August to 2nd September, 2012.

#### (All those listed are email contacts, except (P) -postal/telephone contacts, and (\*) are also on the 'FR' website)

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