

Once a **Gabrielite,**always a **Gabrielite** 



# 70th Anniversary of St. Gabriel's Schools

29 April 2023



# St. Gabriel's Secondary School Song

In white and blue, boys full of mirth and life

From early morn, we flood the green playground

In every hall, soon starts the daily strife

Of school routine, lessons and work all round

With spirits bright, our will we'll gladly bracing

From teachers kind we learn what's good and right

We thus do hope to attain with God's blessing

Virtue and Truth, Virtue and Truth

Of life's true beacon light

# St. Gabriel's Primary School Song

St Gabriel's boys, here on this day united

With one true heart let us all sing and cheer

The stately home where our boyhood is guided

Learning to live and through right paths to steer

In cheering blue and spotless white apparel

A cheerful band, St. Gabriel's boys unite!

All white and blue, all bent to reap the laurel

Hold and defend Alma Mater's

Glory with heart and might

#### **Chorus**

Saint Gabriel's School Dear Here willing hearts behold When duty's call rings clear 'Mid sorrows as through joys For Singapore and God For justice to uphold Let us live and thus prove Saint Gabriel's boys



Message by Brother Dominic Yeo Koh Supervisor of Gabrielite Schools

Dear Gabrielites and Friends.

My wishes and congratulations to all who are associated with St. Gabriel's School!

My heartfelt appreciation for this wonderful spirit that you as Gabrielites are coming together to celebrate the school's 70th Anniversary.

The school was founded in 1953 as an offshoot of Holy Innocent English School (later known as Montfort School). Bro. Louis Gonzaga was the first director of the newly established St. Gabriel's School along the 5th mile of Upper Serangoon Road. Since then, St. Gabriel's School

has grown to be what it is today, two schools, namely St. Gabriel's Primary School and St. Gabriel's Secondary School. Over these 70 years St. Gabriel's School, both Primary and Secondary, has continued to serve the community. Both the St. Gabriel's Schools has since been recognized as schools that develop the full potential of its students.

Seventy years is not a short time in the context of Singapore. Established in 1953, the school predates the independence of modern Singapore. It had moved from its location in Upper Serangoon Road and Highland Road respectively to the present location at Serangoon Avenue 1 and Lorong Chuan. Thus St. Gabriel's continue to be the catalyst that grooms the students that passed through her portals.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for many more good years to come. *Ad Multos Annos!* 



Message by Dr Francis Chong

Chairman - School Management Committee

Dear fellow Montfortian-Gabrielites,

As we gather this evening to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of St Gabriel's School, let us take a moment to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has showered on us these past 7 decades. Let us also recall with gratitude the many people who have laboured long and hard to advance our educational mission: the Brothers, the Governors and staff of the St Gabriel's Foundation, our teachers and staff in our schools, alumni, parents and benefactors.

Tonight is surely a night for reconnecting and renewing our ties with one another. I have no doubt that there will be many moments of nostalgia and laughter as we recall fondly the escapades of our school days.

I pray, also, that even as we look back and celebrate the highlights of our 70 years as a community in Singapore, each and every one of us also take this opportunity to face forward and renew our commitment to be good stewards of a sacred trust: to ensure St Gabriel's Primary and Secondary Schools remain vibrant members of a network in Singapore that comprises 4 other Montfortian-Gabrielite Educational Institutions (Assumption English School, Assumption Pathway School, Montfort Junior School and Montfort Secondary School) and Boys' Town; a network that is a part of a world-wide community of Montfortian-Gabrielite institutions. May we always strive to be responsive to the evolving needs of Singapore society and remain faithful to our mission to educate and inspire young Singaporeans to grow up to become servantleaders, who manifest in their lives the teachings of St Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort.

Labor Omnia Vincit!

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**Mr Martin Tan** 

Principal

St. Gabriel's

**Primary School** 

#### Message by Principals

Dear Principals, Teachers and Gabrielites (past and present),

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we reflect on the legacy and values that has shaped St. Gabriel's Schools over the years. Our founding father, St. Louis Marie de Montfort has dedicated his life to spreading the love for Mother Mary and contributing towards to quality education. It is no wonder the values of humility, a deep faith in God and the love for others, have been at the heart of our schools and they continue to inspire and guide us today.

We look back with gratitude at the countless lives that have been impacted by the education, values and community that St. Gabriel's Schools have provided. For seven decades, St. Gabriel's Schools have been a beacon of hope and excellence, providing a nurturing and supportive environment for generations of young men who have passed through the gates of our schools. As we look forward to the future, we are excited to continue building on the strong foundation that has been laid by our predecessors. To our past principals who have shaped and charted the way for us, especially through the beginning years of our school, we are deeply grateful. We have moved from a single St. Gabriel's School to become both the primary and secondary sections which we see today. We thank the dedicated teachers who have inspired and guided our Gabrielites, who have in turn gone on to make significant contributions in the workforce and shape the lives of more around them. We thank the ever-loyal alumni who have returned to school to serve in different capacities, as teachers, as speakers, as volunteers, all playing a vital role to nurture our new generation of Gabrielites.

This is our 70th year, and we feel a sense of satisfaction and pride in all that we have accomplished. We thank everyone for being a part of this unique journey in building our Gabrielite community, and here's to many more years of impact and excellence. Thank you.

**Mr Shawn Lim** Principal

St. Gabriel's Secondary School



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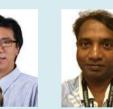
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Class photograph 1950s



St. Gabriel's Primary School in early 1970s



St. Gabriel's School in 1953



The gate of SGPS in Highland Road closes for the last time in 1988

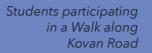
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Staff Photograph - with Founding Principal Br. Louis Gonzaga **1950s** 



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Celebrating our 70th Anniversary



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Staff Photo in 1983



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#### St. Gabriel's 70th Anniversary Dinner Organising Committee

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Class of 68 St. Gabriel's Old Boys Association

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Class of 81

### Virtue and Truth

**Virtue and Truth**, the motto of the School, is the epitiome of all we stand for, of all that is dear to one who seeks happiness and the Eternal Kingdom.

## Labor Omnia Vincit

The Latin motto "Labor Omnia Vincit" stands for "Labour conquers all things." Hard work embodied in diligence and perseverance leads one to achieve greater things in life. It can thus be said that in whatever you do, do your best.