

SATURDAY – APRIL 29, 2017 – 6PM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SPRING FLING PARTY
AT THE SCHOOL

The current Immaculate Conception School building opened a little over 70 years ago. Last November, Msgr. Kevin Nelan, the current pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish and Mary Barry, the current Principal of our school asked me if I would chair a fund-raising reunion for all ICS graduates to raise money to assist in funding a renovation of the cafeteria, to make improvements to the school auditorium and support the school's tuition assistance program. The cafeteria is exactly as it was in 1946. Aside from the opportunity for a great evening and to reconnect with classmates and friends you went to school with, the goal of this fund-raising reunion is to raise a lot of money, at least \$100,000.00 to support these objectives.

Much has changed in the 70 years since the building was opened. What has not changed is that the school continues to give its students a quality education, in a safe environment, provided by teachers who have high expectations for all of the students and who partner with the parents in inculcating the students with core religious based values where developing character, discipline, responsibility and a sense of service to others is deeply embedded in every aspect of the curriculum.

While none of us came from families with great financial resources, the economic and financial circumstances of the families most ICS students today are challenging. All of them pay tuition but many receive financial assistance. The parents do fund raising events and to the extent they can, they contribute over and above their tuition payments to the financial support of the school. However, simply put, our school needs help funding capital improvements and providing tuition assistance.

This is where we come in. Many of us have been blessed with success in our lives, some to an extraordinary degree. We have been the beneficiaries of the hard work and sacrifices of our parents who gave us the opportunity for great educations at great colleges and universities that put us on the road to that success which has been earned through your own hard work. Aside from the support, example and encouragement of our parents, the foundation for these achievements was, in my opinion, the education we received at the elementary school level and that education was provided by ICS. It is time for us to step up and, to the extent that each of us is able, to give back to the school that has given us so much.

To that end, I ask that you consider supporting the fund-raising effort and reunion through and individual, family sponsorship (many of us had multiple siblings who were educated at ICS) or team up with your classmates to make a class gift at the one of the following levels:

\$10,000 and up (Champion); \$5,000 (Patron); \$2,500(Benefactor); \$1,000 (Supporter) or \$500 (Friend)

To make a gift or to let us know if you plan to attend please fill out the form on the next page and send it along with a check payable to Immaculate Conception School to:

Immaculate Conception School
419 East 13th Street
New York, NY 10009

I also ask that you do whatever you can to spread the word (telephone calls, emails, social media) regarding this event to all of the ICS relatives and friends that you keep in touch with and encourage them to support the fund-raising effort and come to the reunion.

Along with school principal, Mary Barry, the dedicated faculty and staff, Msgr. Nelan and the school's students I appreciate and am grateful for whatever support you provide.