



**Jerome (Jerry) Thomas Daly**  
September 22, 1943 – December 7, 2009

Long time teacher and Vice Principal at St Patrick Regional Secondary School, **Mr. Jerome (Jerry) Thomas Daly**, passed away in Vancouver on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Born on September 22, 1943, Jerry spent his early years in East Hampton, Connecticut. In the early 1960's Jerry joined the Marist Order and taught high school throughout the 1960's in New York City. In 1970, Jerry moved to Miami where he continued his teaching career at both Christopher Columbus and Monsignor Pace high schools. His summers were often spent at Camp Marist in the state of New York volunteering to help underprivileged children. Long time friend Mike Flynn, recently commented how he and Jerry "*played air guitars side-by-side as members of an ersatz rock and roll band, on the stage at Camp Marist ... I called him by his band name of **Jolly Jerry**, a fitting name not only for his great personality but also for his 6'6" stature that earned him the name **Jolly Green Giant** from his biology students.*" From Miami, Jerry moved to the Philippines and lived there until his move to St. Patrick in 1981.

On his arrival to St. Patrick, Mr. Daly taught a variety of science courses. Soon after, Mr. Daly was appointed Vice-Principal and served the school in that capacity until his departure in 2003. During his twenty-three years at the school Mr. Daly taught hundreds of students between grades 8 to 12 and loved to coach track and field and cross country. Throughout his years of service, Mr. Daly was a vital member of the school community. His dedication and kindness brightened the lives of many of his friends and students.

In 2003, Jerry moved back to Long Island New York in order to be with his family, in particular his brother who was dying of cancer and who subsequently passed away. In July 2008, Jerry returned to Vancouver to be close to his many friends. In July of 2009, Jerry suffered a stroke which lead to his death on December 7, 2009.

Jerry will be missed by his family, his many friends and former students in New York, Miami, the Philippines and our St. Patrick community. Andrew Nagy, a St. Pat's grad (class of '89), in a recent e-mail captures the feelings of Jerry's many friends as he wrote:

***"I was touched to have seen him one last time. He'll forever be my coach. He taught me a lot about perseverance and fortitude. I will miss his letters, his motivation, thoughtfulness, his kindness his support when I really needed it. He was a good man."***

**Rest in Peace Jerry**

### **Memorial Service for Jerry Daly**

Jerry's family is hosting a memorial Mass in New York. They have given their blessing for a memorial Mass to be hosted by the St Patrick Regional Secondary School community here in Vancouver.

This local memorial Mass for Jerry Daly will be held on **Tuesday January 19th at St Patrick Parish (2881 Main Street, Vancouver) at 7PM.** There will be a reception to follow in the high school cafeteria.

**All friends and colleagues of Jerry Daly are invited to attend.**