

Some Things Serious and Some Things Humorous

Encouraging Saintly Deeds by Saying Thanks (ST. is for Saints)

Part 1: Inspired by Nobel and Ig-Nobel Prizes

What are They?

The Nobel and Ig-Nobel prizes are monetary awards in recognition of exceptional contributions to the advancement of Knowledge. As we admire the exceptional 1%, we are also challenged to think of ways to help the remaining 99% of humanity.

Too Small to Compete?

When a huge gap separates the Super Humans from Ordinary Humans, it can destroy any incentive for the weak to compete with the strong. Indeed, it may be crazy to even think of competing.

Our Saintly Mission

Our Mission Impossible, which we have chosen to Accept, is to compete with the giants by copying them, starting with their sense of humor since laughter is indeed the best medicine. We will be different in that we will not normally be awarding prizes. We will recognize good deeds to encourage more good deeds.

Be Smart and Start Small

Naturally, we will approach this task with humour, but we have no intention of trivializing the ultimate goal, which is to recognize and encourage Simple, but Saintly, actions by folks who would like to contribute to the improvements of St. Stanislaus College, Guyana – a secondary education school which is the Alma Mater for most of the visitors to this web site.

Therefore we will focus on small steps for Saints and leave the giant steps for the giants.

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Part 2: Saying Thanks for Saints

What are we thinking?

We think that humor requires a crazy streak, and that one goal of education is to encourage everyone involved to think.

Thus, we are presenting this as a jigsaw puzzle to show that problem solving can be fun.

Who are We?

The answer requires that the reader navigates the entire maze or puzzle. No peeking at the answer page (which is nowhere to be found anyway). **Gotcha!**

The only hint is that he belongs to the generation of Saintly Old Souls who enjoyed the BBC program "My Word" - a humorous program which was a play upon the words of the Queen's English.

..... (Note: the use of "he" and "Queen" – that's really ancient !....)

Where are we Going with this?

Instead of using **Words**, we will use **Letters of the Alphabet** that are limited only by our imagination as we apply them to our mission of helping Saints.

Just 2 letters **S** and **T** can serve a multitude of activities associated with St. Stanislaus College.

Some examples:

Saying Thanks for Saints
Simple Things for Saints
Significant Things for Saints

etc.

Stop Teasing and Start Talking !!

You have to page forward to get the answer...



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The answer is.....

For the first time in 2022, we will be making **Thank You Announcements** having identified 2 types:

- 1) Saying Thanks for Significant Things for Saints for ongoing and/or significant donations and
- 2) Saying Thanks for Smaller Things for Saints for all other donations.

We aim to make the formal announcement sometime close to November 13 – the Feast Day of St. Stanislaus Kostka, but we will not ignore the serious side of this endeavor, which is to encourage folks to make donations – large or small - that fit within their budget.

Therefore all good deeds brought to our attention during the 2022 Calendar year will be acknowledged.

Thanks for Super Saintly Things for 2022

Thanks for Smaller Saintly Things for 2022

Historical reference to show how we have evolved

Saints and Heroes Awards for 2021

Your Homework Assignment:

We have to close on a serious note.

As you enjoy how these Saintly acts are presented, please do not lose sight of the many advanced facilities that are being deployed at our Alma Mater.

The Audio Visual and Photographic equipment are advanced education tools which are being used in sophisticated ways.

Something Special to Think about...



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Finally: the Answer for Who are We?

Strictly, "We" should be treated as singular. Also. "we" make the following disclaimer:

The views, opinions and hopes expressed in this attempt at serious humor are those of the author and may or may not reflect the views of anyone else striving for improvements at Saints.

Signed:
John Sparrock
With lots of help from:
Rupert De Castro
(to put it mildly)
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