

COMMEMORATION - 50 YEARS SINCE SPC CLOSURE

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Arranged by Kevin Lane (SPC 1961-67), over 80 SPC Alumni gathered on Saturday 24 Nov 2018 to commemorate the 50 years since SPC Closure. They participated in a Cathedral Mass, procession & photo at the Tower, lunch and talks at ACU St Patrick's Campus, the launch of the SPJC perpetual scholarship for an ACU student studying Teaching, a debate to decide if SPJC Greatest Days are in fact over and a tour of ACU, Cathedral Hall and its newly donated SPOCA Room. Some of the 160 photos taken by the official Archdiocese and SPOCA photographers follow:



Mass concelebrated by Alumni Fathers Michael Head SJ, Brendan Lane, Greg Burke & Gerard McKernan and assisted by Deacon James Curtain



Group photo of fifty of our alumni happily reminiscing about less happy visits, at the foot of the College East Tower.



Michael Nolan (SPC 1960-68) and Chris Murphy (SPC 1962-68) leading a defiantly rousing rendition of 1960 SPC School Song (composed by Fathers Byrne & Saul SJ) in Cardinal Knox Centre in former SPC school yard



Enthusiastic debaters of "SPJC Greatest Days are Over". For Affirmative: John O'Loughlin, Michael Head SJ, & Richard Curtain. Moderator Michael Cavanagh. The close winners by acclamation - the Negative: Michael Exton (SICG Principal), John Ballard (ACU Vice Chancellor) & Simon Clark.



ACU St Patrick's Campus Vice Chancellor John Ballard concluding tour of their impressive Fitzroy facilities in refurbished and acoustically perfect Cathedral Hall.



John Young, Simon Clark, Bernie Power, Murray Cullinan and Jim Smith inspecting SPC memorabilia provided by Gavin Wayland in the new SPOCA Room of Cathedral Hall.