

JERRY PRINCE

Jerry was raised in the small town of Wilno, Ontario in the Ottawa valley. His formal education began in a two room school where his teacher for ten years was his mother. She actually moved from the Junior to Senior room when Jerry passed into Grade 5. Question --- was she a saint or afraid of what he might do to someone else? He proceeded to Continuation school in Killaloe, Ontario and received his Junior and Senior matriculation (Upper School / Grade 13) from the St. Joseph Sisters. Thank God for those saints putting up with him. The next step for J.J. was on to University at St. Patrick's College in Ottawa .

J.J. Prince would spend the next thirty-five years criss-crossing the province as a teacher and administrator.

That journey began in 1960 in a small two room school with Grades one through ten in one room plus two washrooms, a woodshed and two outhouses. Thirty-four students in 10 grades and the teachers today think they have it rough!!!!. Among some of his duties, apart from teaching, were keeping the woodshed full of wood, starting the fire in the morning and the delightful chore of making hot soup for the students for lunch.

He soon graduated to Secondary School in Cobden , Ontario in 1962. 1965 saw a move to in Northwestern Ontario as Department Head of History and Geography. It was here that he would turn to administration as Vice-Principal of the school in 1969.

His travels would then take him to Arnprior as V-P in 1971 and then on to Elgin County as Principal at West Elgin S.S. in 1976 where he would remain until retirement in 1994. He says that we will never be sure whether this was a gain or loss for Elgin County.

Jerry has been active in his church, in the community and in his Teacher's Professional Organization for the past twenty-two years. He also jumped almost directly from retirement to the Vice-President of S.T.O. in 1995 and served as President in 1996 and 1997. In 1997 he was appointed to the Provincial Membership Services Committee. His motto has always been if you are going to complain then "dammit" you better get involved and be part of the solution.

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