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The Significance of Forty Years

Trinity College at its fortieth year of foundation is to be congratulated on its amazing spirit formed by Marist and Josephite principles of education. Some have posed the question about the importance of acknowledging forty years.

The number 40 appears in the Scriptures over 140 times in reference to periods of testing and endurance. Whether it be years or days and nights this is why such luminaries as Moses, Joshua, Noah and others have shown how God influenced them in these periods of their lives. Jesus spent forty days in the desert being tempted away from his Mission of redemption....and he conquered.

It is quite appropriate that we reflect on our memories and experiences of our life in the Trinity College family. Great things have been achieved by the students over these forty years and these events need to be celebrated. With its motto of IN GOD WE TRUST, I hope we are able to appreciate the importance of the "we" in the spirit that pervades the history of Trinity.