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A history is more than buildings and statistics. It is the fabric woven by people as they experience life. What is left in memory becomes history, and each one adds to the other, melding thought and action into a singular moment known as the past.

This book shares moments from the story, so far, of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board. It is dedicated to all the teachers, students, administrators, support staff, ratepayers, parents, sisters, and clergy that have helped form its unique place in the Separate School history of Ontario.



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Mission Statement

The Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board recognizes the dignity and worth of each person. The Board brings together all members of the Catholic school-parish community as partners in promoting the Gospel of Christ and thereby participating in the saving mission of the Church to bring all of creation back to the Creator.

With Jesus Christ, the Foundation of the whole educational system, the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board is a community of faith based on relationships nurtured by love of God and neighbour.

The mission of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board is to provide holistic education which will form the minds and hearts of young people and guide them to grow in their relationship to Christ, through and with others, in the context of human culture. Through this formation, the students will then be enabled to take personal responsibility in continuing the Church's mission of service in society.

Énoncé de mission

Le Conseil des écoles séparées catholiques de la région de Durham reconnaît la dignité et la valeur de chaque personne. Le Conseil rassemble tous les membres de la communauté catholique de ses écoles/paroisses comme partenaires qui s'inspirent de l'Évangile du Christ et participent à la mission évangélique de l'Église dans le but de ramener toute la création à son Créateur.

Avec Jésus-Christ, fondement même du système d'éducation, le Conseil des écoles séparées catholiques de la région de Durham se veut une communauté de foi axée sur des rapports nourris par l'amour de Dieu et du prochain.

La mission du Conseil des écoles séparées catholiques de la région de Durham est de fournir une éducation intégrale qui amène les jeunes à modeler leur vie sur celle du Christ. Grâce à cette formation entière et complète, les élèves seront en mesure de contribuer personnellement à la poursuite de la mission apostolique de l'Église dans la société.

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Honorable Bob Rae
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I'm very happy to extend congratulations to the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board as you celebrate your 25th Anniversary with the production of Reflections in Time.

Ontario boasts one of the finest education systems in the world, and the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board can take great pride in its position within this tradition of academic excellence. I would also like to congratulate the trustees, administrators, teachers, support staff and students who have worked so hard over the years to make this school board so successful.

Over the past 25 years, the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board has experienced tremendous growth. You have grown from 29 schools to 46 with enrolment increasing from 9,152 to 21,494. The board has met the challenges and demands of the growing and changing communities it serves. This is indeed an accomplishment. Please accept my best wishes as you celebrate this special time in your board's history.

Bob Rae
Bob Rae


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October 10, 1993

Dr. E. J. Lagroix
Director of Education
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Dear Dr. Lagroix:

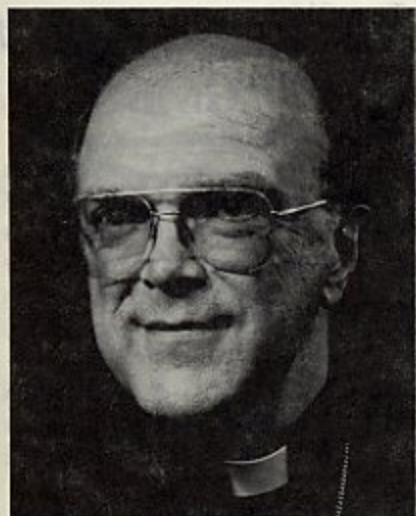
On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Training, I am pleased to send greetings on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

You can be proud of your 25-year history. The board now offers a full range of quality programming to the students it serves. Through effective fiscal management, the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board has been able to maintain its excellent reputation as new schools and technologies are developed. Your mandate to provide integrated services for all students with special needs serves as an example to other boards moving towards integration. The needs of French-as-a-first-language students are admirably met by the French-language section. As well, the board also continues to pursue productive cooperative ventures with its coterminous board and with other separate school boards.

Once again, it is my pleasure to congratulate the board on the past 25 years. I know that the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board can look forward to the future with great confidence.

Sincerely,
Dave Cooke
Dave Cooke
Minister
N.P.P., Windsor-Riverside





Most Reverend John S. Knight
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto



Most Reverend Robert B. Clune
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25 June 1993

As the Regional Bishop for the Eastern Pastoral Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto which includes the area served by The Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board and its predecessor, The Ontario County Separate School Board, it is a distinct pleasure to offer greetings on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Board.

Anniversaries are always a time for looking back - in this case, not only over the past 25 years, but much further back, to the very foundations of formal Catholic education in what was formerly Ontario County. We have built, I believe, well and firmly on the foundation which is Jesus Christ. His gospel has been preached by word and example. It has been lived and handed on - even to the present time.

Our Catholic school system has been and continues to be an integral part of that missionary evangelization which is vital to the continuing existence of our Church.

May God reward all who have been responsible for this work and may God - who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit - continue to support and bless the efforts of those presently charged with this responsibility in the Roman Catholic Separate Schools of Durham Region.

Let us go forward in our work of sharing and living our faith.

John S. Knight
Most Reverend John S. Knight
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto
Regional Bishop, Eastern Pastoral Region



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Since 1994 is the Board's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Year, may I, through your good offices, take the opportunity to convey my sincere congratulations and my very best wishes to all who are now or have been a part of the Durham Region Roman Catholic School Board these twenty years.

From 1979-1992, as Regional Bishop for Durham, I felt particularly privileged to be elected by Trustees as Honorary Chairman of the Board. For me and for the community, I know that this symbolic election was intended by the Board to be a public witness of their intention to be CATHOLIC in the fullest sense of that word; and, as well, of their goal to work closely and cooperatively with Church and Family to form and to educate our young people as faithful and devoted followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I must say that, during my stay in Durham, I was always much impressed by the dedication, commitment and concern of teachers, administration, trustees and staff. I was especially grateful, too, for the evident willingness and readiness to cooperate with pastors and myself in providing opportunities to celebrate Mass, Sacraments and religious instruction in church and school.

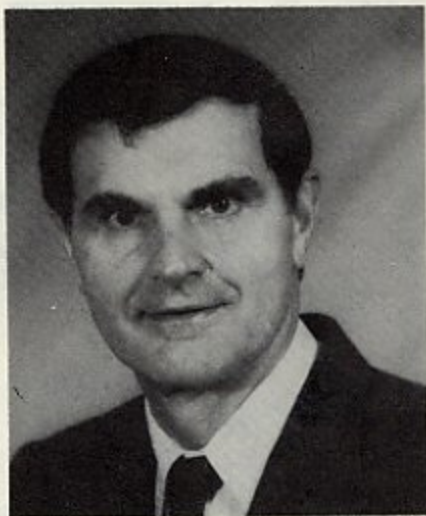
The Durham Board has been good enough to keep me on their mailing list to receive a copy of the newspaper 'The Catholic Dimension'. I look forward to receiving a copy for yours to come. Each interesting and informative edition reinforces and enlivens for me happy memories and wonderful friendships.

With prayers and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Robert B. Clune
Most Rev. Robert B. Clune,
Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto.





Dr. Earl J. Lagroix
Director of Education



Tom Oldman
Chair of the Board
(1992 and 1993)



THE DURHAM REGION ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD
LE CONSEIL DES ÉCOLES SÉPARÉES CATHOLIQUES DE LA RÉGION DE DURHAM

Catholic Education: Learning & Living in Faith

It is indeed a pleasure, as the Director of Education, to offer congratulations to trustees, staff, students and ratepayers on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board. Since its beginnings twenty-five years ago the Board has seen many changes, not the least of which has been the rapid growth in student population.

Let us thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our Catholic system and ask that He continue to make the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board a caring and faith filled community.

Sincerely,

Earl Lagroix

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Catholic Education: Learning & Living in Faith

As Chair of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board for the past two years (1992 and 1993), I have been impressed by the positive atmosphere that exists throughout the system. It is good, then, that we celebrate this, the 25th Anniversary of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board, by first of all thanking God for the graces He has given us, and second by thanking all those, past and present, who have played, and continue to play, a role in making this system one of the best in Ontario.

Yours truly,

Tom Oldman
Tom Oldman
Chair of the Board

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Congratulations From The Affiliates

CUPE Local 218

Congratulations to the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board for twenty-five years of leadership and excellent service to the community. Best wishes as you journey to your fiftieth anniversary.

From Local 218
Canadian Union of Public
Employees

President: Lucille Kehoe
Vice President: Len Byrne

O.E.C.T.A. Durham Unit Elementary

To the Durham Region Roman
Catholic Separate School Board:

1969: 384 Teachers serving
9152 students in 29
schools

1994: 1245 Teachers serving
over 21 000 students in
46 schools

On behalf of our almost 900
members...

CONGRATULATIONS

on

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

of providing Catholic Education
to the citizens of Durham Region!

From O.E.C.T.A. Durham Unit
Elementary
President: Joe Ryan

A.P.S.S.P.

On behalf of A.P.S.S.P.,
congratulations to the Durham
Region Roman Catholic Separate
School Board on 25 years of
Catholic Education in the Durham
Region and service to the
community.

From Association of Professional
Student Services Personnel
President: Pat Murphy

O.E.C.T.A Durham Secondary

The Unit Executive and
membership of O.E.C.T.A.
Durham Secondary extend
congratulations to the Board for
the past 25 years of progress in
Catholic secondary education in
Durham Region. Best wishes for
the next quarter century.

From O.E.C.T.A.
Durham Secondary
President: Blair Morris

AEFO unité élémentaire de Durham

De la part de l'exécutif AEFO-
Durham élémentaire, sincères
félicitations en l'honneur de votre
25^e anniversaire.

Au plaisir de travailler ensemble
pendant les prochains 25 ans.

Sincèrement,

Clémence Cloutier
Présidente

AEFO unité secondaire de Durham

Au nom des membres de l'AEFO
unité secondaire de Durham,
j'aimerais féliciter le Conseil des
écoles catholiques séparées de la
région de Durham qui, depuis les
derniers vingt-cinq ans, a su
dédier son énergie et son effort à
l'éducation dans la foi catholique.
Les membres de l'AEFO se
réjouissent de faire partie de cette
équipe depuis 1987.
Congratulations to all who have
worked to assure the success of
this memorable year.

Robert Mayer
Président





The official symbol of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board combines a cross, heart, anchor, and lamp in the following way:

- ◆ The **cross, heart, and anchor** represent the theological virtues of FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY.
- ◆ The **double "S"** represents SEPARATE SCHOOLS.
- ◆ At the base of the double "S" is the **lamp of learning**, a symbol from the Greek word "lampien" meaning "torch" and representing a source of INTELLECTUAL or SPIRITUAL LIGHT.

Historical Times

Milestones are markers in history that are used as reference points as we look back over the past. Here are a few such events in the history of Catholic Education in the Durham Region that helped make an impact on who, and what, we are today. It is by no means definitive!

The first school in Ontario was a Catholic school, set up in 1669 on Frenchman's Bay in Pickering by two Sulpician missionaries, Fenelon and Trouve. This school was near the present Holy Redeemer Catholic School.

The Ontario County Roman Catholic Separate School Board came into being in 1969 through an amalgamation of the following seven school boards:

- Combined Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Number 1 Pickering
- Combined Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Number 2 Pickering
- Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Ajax
- Combined Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Whitby
- Combined Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Uxbridge
- Combined Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Mara
- Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Oshawa

In 1974, the Board officially changed its name to the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board after the formation of Regional Governments in Ontario. One school, Foley Separate School in Brechin, was transferred from Durham to the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, the Grey Sisters, and the Felician Sisters played a major role in the development of Catholic Education in Durham Region. The Sisters of St. Joseph began their educational work in this area in 1858 and are still active in many of the schools today. The Grey Sisters helped form Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School when it was originally located in Whitby. The Felician Sisters taught at St. Bernadette Catholic School in Ajax for many years. The contributions of all three Orders continues in the present and will be felt for many years to come.

On June 12, 1984, at 2:15 p.m., then-Premier Bill Davis announced funding for grades 11, 12 and OAC in the Separate Schools of Ontario. The implementation of the plan was to take place in September, 1985. Until the June 12 announcement, funding had been available in the Separate Schools only to the end of grade ten. The final three high school grades had operated as "private" schools with tuition being charged.

In September, 1984, Pope John Paul II visited Canada. During his stay in the Archdiocese of Toronto, the Holy Father said Mass at Downsview Airport to a congregation of close to one million people. A large contingent of students, parents, and teachers from the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board took part in a ten-thousand voice children's choir that sang at the Mass.

In a flurry of building to accommodate new families moving into the Durham Region during the 1980's, 19 new schools were built by the Board over a 13 year period extending from 1980 to 1993.

Student enrolment in the Board's schools topped the 20 000 mark for the first time in 1991.

Staff and students of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board come from all over the world, from as far away as South Africa and Malaysia to right next door in Toronto, making the Board truly a multicultural place.

In 1989, the Board adopted the "Five-Year Plan For Special Education" as the method of educating all students, including those deemed "exceptional". Under the model called "Inclusion", students would be taught in their home school. The Board became one of the first in the Province to initiate such a plan.

In the summer of 1993, many parents, teachers, students, sisters, and clergy from the Board's schools attended the World Catholic Youth Rally in Denver, Colorado, adding their voices to the thousands in attendance exploring issues in modern Catholicism.





*Grade Eight students, St. Gregory
Catholic School, circa 1920*



Twenty Five Years Of Growth

Number of Schools

1969: 30

1993: 46

Student Enrolment

1969: 9,152

1993: 22,772

Teaching Staff

1969: 314

1993: 1,366

Cardinal J. McGuigan, circa 1963

Students, Holy Cross Catholic School, circa 1950



Music Time, circa 1967



Students, St. Bernard's School, 1945



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St. Gregory Catholic School, 1859



Class, École catholique Corpus Christi, 1964

The "Early" Board Years

At the Inaugural Board Meeting held in 1969, Dr. G. Sciuk was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Babs Dilling, Secretary to the Director of Education, prepared to take the minutes of the meeting with a tape recorder. Dr. Sciuk asked that the tape recorder be turned off as the noise from it was distracting. This left Mrs. Dilling, who had never taken minutes, with the interesting task of recording the first Board Meeting's happenings by hand. Two days later, with the help of others who were at the meeting, the first minutes of the new Board were ready.

Board Meetings were often held in locations throughout Ontario County. Parents who attended were served luncheons.

The office staff were split between two houses at 209 and 178 Simcoe Street in Oshawa. As 178 Simcoe Street was also a doctor's office, secretaries and other Board personnel frequently encountered rather unusual occurrences, such as the time a baby's diaper was changed on an office desk.

Cliff Lehman, who was a Social Worker with the Board and is now retired, parked his car in the driveway at 209 Simcoe Street one day and left it running. When he came out of the building to leave, his car was found across the road in front of St. Gregory Catholic School, apparently getting there under its own devices!



Class, St. Bernard's School, 1925

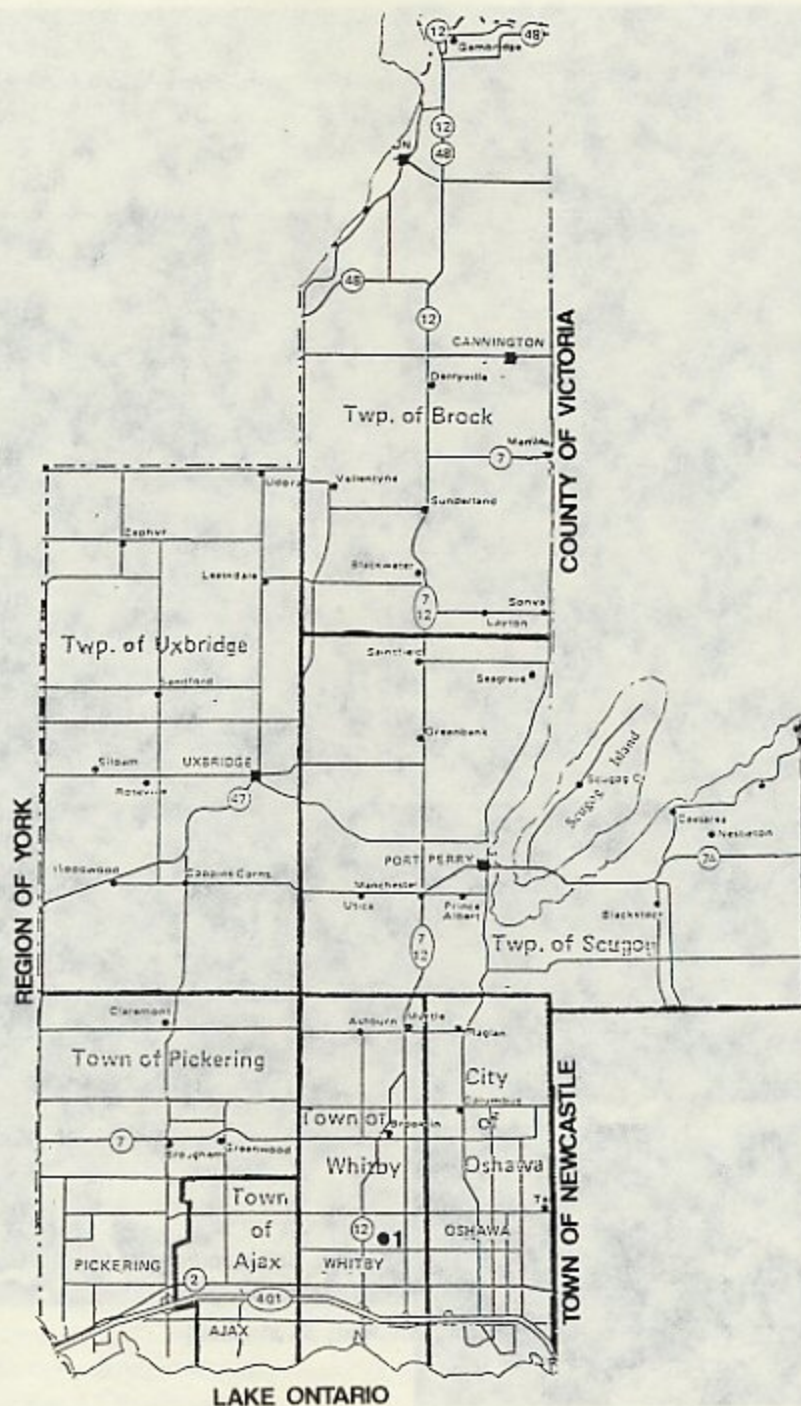


Parishes and Schools

History is a transitory thing, shifting from day to day depending on the observer's outlook and remembrances. Yet, it is through these historical "memories" that we learn about ourselves, gaining insight into the how and why of our past. For most of us, school board memories are made of classrooms and schools, first days after summer vacation sitting at a desk, cracking open a new textbook to get that first print aroma leaping off the page, gathering up pencils and pens and scribbling names on the front of notebooks, looking about at the faces staring back at you, everyone wondering what the new year would bring. Personal recollections flow easily when asked, "What was school like?", and while some are good, some bad, they all go together in helping make us what we are today.

This section gives a historical background to the schools in this system. In reading how they came to be, insight may be gained into what fashioned our education and thus help our memories be relived in possibly a different light. The information is organized by Parish, with brief data given for each church, followed by the schools associated with it. The history starts in Pickering and moves throughout the Durham Region, finishing in Oshawa.

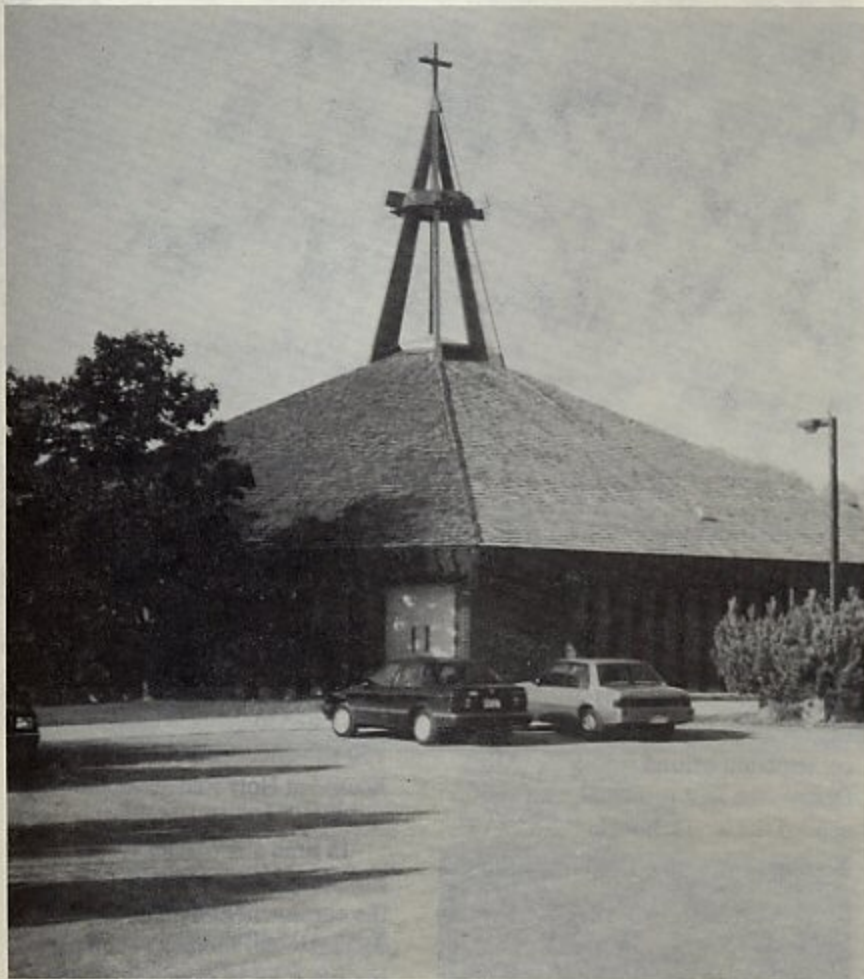
It is hoped that these capsuled chronicles add to your understanding of our schools in a way that causes some memory to come out of the past to be seen again here, in the present.



PARISH

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

796 Eyer Drive South, Pickering
Founded 1965



Schools:

- 1962 Holy Redeemer Catholic School
- 1969 Our Lady of the Bay Catholic School
- 1987 St. Monica Catholic School
- 1987 St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

- Reverend A. Quesnelle
- Pastor 25 years ago:*
- Reverend A. Quesnelle
- Present Pastor:*
- Reverend J. Culnan



Holy Redeemer Catholic School

747 Liverpool Road South, Pickering



Located on Frenchman's Bay in Pickering, Holy Redeemer Catholic School, originally named School of the Holy Redeemer, was built in 1962. For the first few years it operated as a four room school. Four years later, a gymnasium was added. By 1968, the school consisted of 21 classrooms, one library, one gymnasium, and a chapel. From Christmas 1965, the school gymnasium became a place of worship for the next 7 1/2 years.

In September 1985, Holy Redeemer Catholic School began sharing space with the French speaking community l'école catholique Notre-Dame-de-la-Jeunesse, for 2 1/2 years.

In 1993, Holy Redeemer Catholic School consists of 138 Immersion French students (grades four to eight) and 295 English students (junior kindergarten to grade eight).

An interesting historical note is that 300 years ago, Sulpician missionaries established the very first school in the province (1669-1670) on Frenchman's Bay.



Principals

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1962-1967 | John Henry |
| 1967-1974 | Bernard Chalmers |
| 1974-1977 | Frank Corrigan |
| 1977-1979 | Sr. M. Bandi |
| 1979-1984 | Wilf Clavette |
| 1984-1988 | John Quinn |
| 1988-Present | Bill Ward |

September 1993 Enrolment: 459

Our Lady of the Bay Catholic School

818 Eyer Drive, Pickering



In 1969, the combined Roman Catholic Separate School #2 Pickering Board chose to name the new "Open Plan" Senior Elementary School "Our Lady of the Bay", as a fitting tribute to Christ's Mother



within the parish of Holy Redeemer and because of the school's proximity to Frenchman's Bay.

Opening with a staff of 13, it served the needs of 230 grade seven and eight students of Pickering Township from the three schools of Holy Redeemer, St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary Roman Catholic Separate School #7. The difficulties

of assimilating teenage students in just two years from three distinct geographical areas, and the efforts to provide a holistic education resulted in Our Lady of the Bay becoming a kindergarten to grade eight elementary school in 1972. The following year the Progressive Junior Kindergarten program was piloted in the school. It was later housed in the new parish church basement. The long and valuable relationship between the church and school continues from those early growing years based on the philosophy that:

"We are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides."

Principals

1969-1971	Terry Donegan
1971-1976	John Brown
1976-1981	Jim Johnston
1981-1986	Bryan Livett
1986-1987	John D'Costa
1987-1991	Dave Hodgkinson
1991-Present	Sheila Lynch

September 1993 Enrolment: 548

St. Monica Catholic School

275 Twyn Rivers Drive, Pickering



St. Monica Catholic School was opened in September 1987 to serve the ever growing west Pickering area. Families of St. Monica Catholic School attend either St. Isaac Jogues Parish or Holy Redeemer Parish. With construction behind schedule, Allan Oerton, the first principal, and staff opened the new school at



St. Marguerite Bourgeoys. By November 1987, staff and students were finally able to use the

brand new facility at Sheppard Avenue and Altona Road. The school was originally built for 350 students and within the first year was already bursting at the seams. The enrolment of St. Monica continued to grow to approximately 750 students, with 120 new students housed at Holy Redeemer Catholic School.

In time a new school, St. Elizabeth Seaton, will be built and the enrolment at St. Monica will decrease. St. Monica's example in her life teaches us that no matter what our failures, we should continue to pray and work.

Principals

1987-1988	Allan Oerton
1988-1991	Tim O'Connell
1991-Present	Elizabeth Jarrell

September 1993 Enrolment: 743



PARISH

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church

1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering

Founded 1983



Schools:

- 1981 St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School
- 1984 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School
- 1987 St. Monica Catholic School
- 1987 St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School
- 1987 St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend B. Canning

Present Pastor:

Reverend B. Canning

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School

1166 Finch Avenue, Pickering



St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School was opened, in September 1981, to serve the needs of students living north of highway #2 in Pickering. It was named for St. Isaac Jogues, a Jesuit missionary, who was martyred in 1646.

Even before opening, the 650 students warranted the addition of a six room port-a-pac. By 1982, numbers had risen to 800. Ten portables graced the playing field. Numbers were reduced in 1983 and 1984, with the opening of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School.

In 1983, the parish of St. Isaac Jogues was established. Mass was celebrated in the school gymnasium until the church was built in 1988.

From 1984 to 1987, the student population increased to 850. The opening of St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School in 1987 was to reduce this number to 650.

However, from September to December, staff and students of St. Anthony Daniel were housed at St. Isaac Jogues School and church hall,

awaiting completion of their school. The combined schools totalled approximately 1,000 students. While facilities were strained, relations between staff and students remained amicable.

New offices and eight classrooms were added in 1988 to accommodate continued growth. Portables, however, were needed by 1991, and continued to increase in number as the school community expanded to its present enrolment of 750.



Principals

- 1981-1987 Jim Johnston
- 1987-1991 Pat MacKinnon
- 1991-Present Brian Vrebosch

September 1993 Enrolment: 743



St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School

1765 Meadowview Avenue, Pickering



St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School welcomed its first students on September 6, 1983. Marked by just a few stakes in the ground as late as June 30, 1983 many a "Doubting Thomas" practically guaranteed the impossibility of its completion on time. With Principal John Brown at the helm, and the co-operation of all involved, the impossible was about to become a miracle!

Only ten weeks later, opening day saw 300 anxious junior kindergarten to grade four students, 13 dedicated teachers and a sea of parents; surprised to not only encounter a completed first phase of a beautiful new school, but classrooms prepared in a warm, inviting and caring way ... a true reflection of the spirit of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys herself.

By the following September, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School welcomed a total of 450

students and was now a junior kindergarten to grade eight school. The official opening and blessing of the school was celebrated on December 4, 1984 - a jubilant and emotional day - a mission accomplished!



Principals
 1983-1987 John Brown
 1987-1989 Bob Hanna
 1989-Present Elaine Lopes
 September 1993 Enrolment: 637

St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School

2090 Duberry Drive, Pickering



St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School opened in September 1987 in a temporary site at St. Isaac Joques Catholic School, the parish rectory, portables and the new parish hall. This new school was built to relieve the overcrowding in the east Pickering schools.

The present school building, located at 2090 Duberry Drive in Pickering, was officially opened and blessed on Thursday, October 13, 1988 by His Excellency Bishop Clune. During the same school year, six relocatable classrooms were added to the main building.

At present, the school has 12 portable classrooms on site, with staff growth from the original 27 members (1987) to 55 staff



members (1993). The initial student enrolment has grown from 416 in 1987 to 941 in 1993.

Since the inception of St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School, staff and students have had great support from Father Bernard Canning, Pastor of St. Isaac Joques Catholic Church and the P.T.A. Executive.

Principal
 1987-Present Jim Johnston
 September 1993 Enrolment: 958



St. Mary Catholic Secondary School

1918 Whites Road, Pickering



In September 1987, Holy Cross Catholic School opened its doors to share facilities with the newly founded St. Mary Catholic Secondary School. Some 227 grade nine and ten students were bussed via Highway 401 to Simcoe Street in Oshawa. Construction of St. Mary on Whites Road was in progress.

The following September, the pioneers, along with a new contingent of grade nine students moved into the new facilities. Now seven years later the student

population is over 1100 and graduates of St. Mary are currently attending universities and colleges throughout Canada. The school is proud of its large number of Ontario Scholars.

Of special note is the ever growing music and performing arts tradition which has done so much to stimulate school spirit. St. Mary Catholic Secondary School is often described as "a school bursting with music".

Principals

1987-1991 John Vesters
1991-Present Marilyn LeBrun

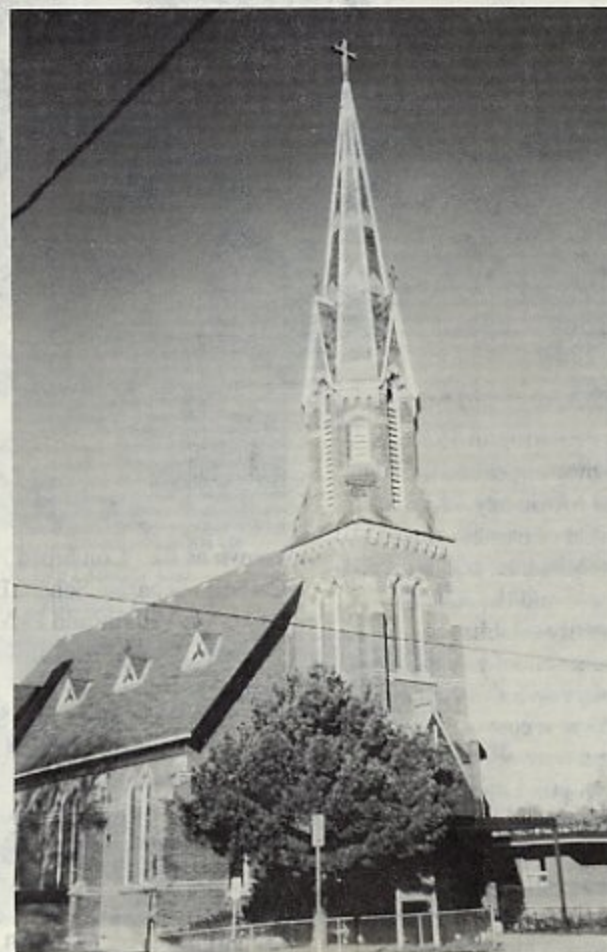
September 1993 Enrolment: 1186

PARISH

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

82 Church Street South, Ajax

Founded 1860



Schools:

1953 St. Francis de Sales
Catholic School
1983 Arch. Denis O'Connor
Catholic High School
1989 St. Jude Catholic School
1990 St. Catherine of Siena
Catholic School
1991 St. Patrick Catholic School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend P. Laurent
Pastor 25 years ago:
Reverend W. Forgach
Present Pastor:
Reverend J. Bolger



St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

72 Church Street South, Ajax



A Separate School Board was established in Pickering in 1953, as the result of a meeting called by Father Vincent McGivney. A provisional board of trustees was named; two months later a public meeting was held and the school board was formally established.

A three-room school was built beside St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in 1953 at a cost of \$35,100. Two classrooms were added in 1954 at a cost of \$25,000. Later, a portable classroom was used for several years. In 1959, the school board was able to purchase 2 1/2 acres of land behind the school from the Anglican Synod and four new classrooms were added. The addition of a gymnasium, two classrooms and an all-purpose room that year completed the school which totalled 11 classrooms and employed nine teachers.

In 1964, the school board was enlarged into a Township Separate School Board to form what was then



known as the "Combined Roman Catholic Separate School Board of Pickering Village and Pickering Township". A proposal was made to unite this Board with the Board governing schools at Bay Ridges and Rosebank, but the proposal was voted down by ratepayers.

A final addition was added to the school in 1991.

Principals

1953-1955	Maureen Weir
1955-1967	Joseph Cooper
1967-1971	Lionel Kelly
1971-1975	John Holowaty
1975-1979	John Arbour
1979-1984	Bill Ward
1984-1988	Gene Kiernicki
1988-1993	John D'Costa
1993-Present	James Ketrlick

September 1993 Enrolment: 321

St. Jude Catholic School

68 Coles Avenue, Ajax



St. Jude Catholic School first opened its doors on September 5, 1989 with 13 classrooms in the main building, five portables, a staff of 25 and student enrolment of 557. St. Jude was the first new school in the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board mandated by the Ministry of Education and Training to have a Child Care Centre attached.

In the second year (September 1990), six port-a-pacs (or relocatable classrooms), were added to the south wing.

St. Jude Catholic School serves a community of approximately 375 Catholic families. About 100 families living south of highway #2 belong to St. Bernadette Parish. The majority of 275 families belong to St. Francis de Sales parish and the Parish Priest, Father John Bolger, ministers to the spiritual needs of

the school. Future plans call for a new Catholic Parish Centre, St. Jude, to be built on a corner property owned by the diocese immediately adjacent to the school on the north side.



From September 1990 to May 1991, St. Jude shared the site with St. Catherine of Siena until the new school was completed. Again, from September 1991 until January 1992 the site was shared with St. Patrick until that school was completed.

Principal

1989 - Present Frank Corrigan
September 1993 Enrolment: 595



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

15 Bennett Avenue, Ajax



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School opened its doors to students for the first time on Tuesday, September 4, 1990. Most of the first school year was spent in portables on a temporary site, sharing facilities with St. Jude Catholic School on 68 Coles Avenue in Ajax. A great debt is owed to the St. Jude School Community, Principal Frank Corrigan, St. Francis de Sales Parish and Father John Bolger for their support and assistance during this time.

The school population moved into its new building at 15 Bennett Avenue, Ajax on May 13, 1991. The blessing and official opening of the school was celebrated on June 2, 1992. The school has grown from an initial student population of 355 students in September 1990 to a projected student population of 600 students in September 1993.

The staff of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School is very pleased to have the opportunity to work with the students, parents, clergy and all involved in the formation and growth of the new school community. We look forward to many enjoyable, successful and rewarding years with everyone's continued support and co-operation.

Principal
1990-Present Breen O'Connor
September 1993 Enrolment: 584

St. Patrick Catholic School

280 Delaney Drive, Ajax



St. Patrick Catholic School opened its doors to students at its temporary site at St. Jude Catholic School in September of 1991 under the leadership of Principal Pat

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MacKinnon. The official opening and blessing of the school was celebrated by Bishop J.S. Knight on March 11, 1993. In this its third year of existence, the school continues to establish roots in this developing neighbourhood.



MacKinnon. St. Patrick Catholic School serves the students of St. Francis de Sales Parish who live in the north-western area of Ajax.

On December 16, 1991 the 374 students and 20 staff members made the long anticipated move to their permanent location at 280 Delaney Drive. The building's contemporary architecture blends into the

Principal
1991-Present Pat MacKinnon

September 1993 Enrolment: 572



PARISH

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

21 Bayly Street East, Ajax

Founded 1952



Schools

- 1951 St. Bernadette Catholic School
- 1983 Arch. Denis O'Connor Catholic High School
- 1986 St. James Catholic School
- 1990 St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

Founding Pastor:

- Reverend M. Darby
- Pastor 25 years ago:*
- Reverend J. Johnson
- Present Pastor:*
- Reverend D. Palillo

St. Bernadette Catholic School

41 Bayly Street, Ajax



St. Bernadette Catholic School was opened in the fall of 1951 with 124 students being welcomed to a recycled Defense Industry building set up beside the site of the future St. Bernadette Church. These first classes were taught by the Felician Sisters. A second building with four classrooms was erected in 1954. Four more classrooms were added in 1957 along with another four in 1960.

demolished and the second and third building linked to create the size and shape it is today. By 1986 12 portables had been added. However, the opening of St. James and St. Catherine of Siena reduced the enrolment to 650.

St. Bernadette School is not only bricks and mortar. It has been a school blessed with devoted teachers, dedicated principals, vice principals, caring support staff, clergy, and trustees committed to Catholic education. Our school community has always had supportive parents and an active PTA. St. Bernadette is indeed a great place to be.



In 1961 St. Bernadette offered grade nine and ten. To accommodate these students, the Board erected a "senior building" with 11 new rooms east of the original school. In 1978 the school underwent extensive renovations with the original building being

Principals

- 1951-1952 C. Flannigan
- 1952-1958 Sr. Mary Lactissima
- 1958-1967 Sr. Claudette
- 1967-1968 Sr. Faustina
- 1968-1977 Grant Andrews
- 1977-1982 John Vesters
- 1982-1986 Gerry Noonan
- 1986-1991 Brian Vrebosch
- 1991-Present Bryan Livett

September 1993 Enrolment: 625



St. James Catholic School

10 Clover Ridge Drive West, Ajax



Clover Ridge Drive. The school has a modern winged design featuring 18 classrooms, a gymnasium with stage, a skylight library and a spacious foyer. Having designed the school to be a "happy place" for children and teachers the architect, Bruno Appolonio, was honoured with an Ontario Clay Masonry Design Award of Merit.

St. James Catholic School was named in honour of James the Lesser, an apostle and cousin of Jesus who held a distinguished position in the early Christian community of Jerusalem. In 1988, the school was honoured by a visit from former Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander.

Principals

1986-1990 Gerry Noonan
 1990-1991 Wilf Clavette
 1991-Present Larry Corrigan

September 1993 Enrolment: 542

On November 14, 1986, a paraliturgical celebration by His Excellency Bishop Clune heralded new beginnings for St. James Catholic School staff and students and the south Ajax community. The new school in St. Bernadette parish opened with an enrolment of 510 students and 32 staff to serve the area bounded by Finlay Avenue, Pickering Beach Road and Dreyer Drive. Its opening eliminated 12 portables at St. Bernadette Catholic School.

St. James Catholic School is located near Lake Ontario at the corner of Harwood Avenue and

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School

80 Mandrake Street, Ajax



The founding of Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School in Whitby fulfilled the dream of Father Leo J. Austin to provide a Catholic education for his parishioners from kindergarten to grade 13. The school opened in September 1962 with one grade nine class of 22 students occupying a single room in St. John the Evangelist Catholic School with Sister Anna Clare as principal and teacher. The school was named in honour of Pickering-born Archbishop Denis O'Connor who was appointed the third Archbishop of Toronto in 1899.

In 1964, the Denis O'Connor building adjacent to St. John the Evangelist Catholic School was completed. At the time, it housed grade nine, ten and eleven along with a class from St. John the Evangelist. During its 31 year history, the school has undergone

various stages of construction along with a permanent move from the Whitby site to the current Ajax location in 1983. Thanks to a major addition completed in 1991, the main building can now comfortably house over 1,000 students.

Principals

1962-1967	Sr. Anna Clare
1967-1980	Sr. Mildred Moyle
1980-1984	Sr. M. Goulet
1984-1991	Tom Fitzsimmons
1991-Present	Brian Hughes

September 1993 Enrolment: 1081



PARISH

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

903 Giffard Street, Whitby

Founded 1860



Schools:

- 1923 St. Bernard Catholic School (rebuilt 1989)
- 1955 St. John the Evangelist (1962) (Arch. Denis O'Connor Catholic High School)
- 1989 Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School
- 1990 St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School

Founding Pastor:

- Reverend P. Laurent
- Pastor 25 years ago:*
- Reverend Leo J. Austin
- Present Pastor:*
- Reverend A. Macbeth

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

1103 Giffard Street, Whitby



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School was opened in 1955 to accommodate the growing population towards the west end of Whitby. Over the years, it grew from four rooms (1955) to eight rooms (1958), to 12 rooms (1962) and finally 22 rooms (1966). The Sisters of St. Joseph were sent to

hockey fame. It was only natural that the pupils of St. John the Evangelist became staunch supporters of the Montreal Canadiens. In 1958, the school was visited by a contingent of Montreal players including Frank Selke and Maurice "Rocket" Richard.

The first grade nine class, of what was to develop into Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School, was housed in St. John the Evangelist in 1962. This year also marked the first kindergarten class. Originally all senior students (grades six-eight) in Whitby came to St. John the Evangelist for the final years of their elementary education.

Principals

- 1955-1957 Sr. Leona
- 1957-1959 Sr. Enid
- 1959-1965 Sr. M. Rose Moran
- 1965-1966 Sr. M. Rachel
- 1966-1979 Sr. Marie Ann Bondy
- 1979-1983 Frank Corrigan
- 1983-1989 John Holowaty
- 1989-Present Brenda O'Donoghue



take charge of the new St. John the Evangelist School. Another change took place in 1959 as the St. Joseph Sisters left the Whitby area and the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception came to serve in the schools.

Sister Enid, an early principal, was the daughter of Frank Selke of

September 1993 Enrolment: 421



St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School

250 Michael Boulevard, Whitby



St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School was opened in September 1990 in order to reduce the overcrowding at St. John the Evangelist and St. Theresa Catholic Schools. Most of the 359 students who started in September 1990 came from St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. In September 1991 the enrolment had increased to 416 as former students from St. Theresa Catholic School came to St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School.

The school was named to honour Marguerite d'Youville who in 1737 founded the Order of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. She was the first Canadian born person to be made a Saint. It also recognizes the long service of the Grey Sisters in the Whitby area. In the beginning



the school was called Blessed Marguerite d'Youville but then the name was changed on her elevation to sainthood. The official opening of the school took place April 11, 1991 with the blessing by the Most Reverend Robert B. Clune.

Principals

1990-Present Lionel Kelly

September 1993 Enrolment: 405



PARISH Holy Family Catholic Church

91 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby

Founded 1980



Schools:

- 1957 St. Theresa Catholic School
- 1959 St. Paul Catholic School
- 1989 Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School
- 1989 St. Bernard Catholic School
- 1990 St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic School
- 1992 St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend G. Breen

Present Pastor:

Monsignor G. Breen

St. Theresa Catholic School

173 Crawforth Street, Whitby



St. Theresa Catholic School was Whitby's third separate school. When it opened in 1957, classes were held in the St. John Parish Hall on John Street West. The original three-classroom school on Crawforth Street was completed in 1960. The school then consisted of grades one to four with an enrolment of 52 students. In 1963, an additional six classrooms were added to service the growing enrolment and the curriculum was extended to grade six.

In 1965, Wilma Hurley became principal of St. Theresa and remained for the next 12 years.



During the late 1970's and early 1980's the area experienced great growth and the curriculum was gradually extended to include Junior Kindergarten to grade eight. With nine portable classrooms in use, by 1984 it was obvious a new addition was needed and construction began that year. The new St. Theresa Catholic School addition was ready for use by September of 1985. The addition included a large library resource centre, a gymnasium and eight new classrooms, as well as new offices and a larger staffroom.

Principals

1957-1960	M. Spencer
1960-1965	M. McGree
1965-1977	Wilma Hurley
1977-1983	Ted Hickey
1983-1987	Aime Rousseau
1987-1990	Lionel Kelly
1990-Present	John Nicholls

September 1993 Enrolment: 569

St. Paul Catholic School

200 Garrard Road North, Whitby



In 1957, Monsignor Paul Dwyer saw a need for a school in east Whitby. In 1959, the Roman Catholic School Section #9 Township of Whitby was established. St. Paul remained as the only school within this Board until 1968, when the Roman Catholic School Section #9 amalgamated with the Town of Whitby School Board.

The school was built as part of a co-operative home building plan under the direction of Father Lawlor. The name of St. Paul Catholic School came about because of the valued support from Monsignor Paul Dwyer.

St. Paul Catholic School opened its doors in September 1961 with four classrooms, three staff members and an enrolment of 90 students.

In 1964, two additional classrooms, a staff room, and a playroom were added to the original building. The enrolment at that time was almost 200 students. In 1969 another four classrooms were added.

In 1987, a major expansion saw the school re-designed. Eleven classrooms were added along with a library, a gymnasium and 11 portables. At this time enrolment stood at just under 900 students and was still growing.



Over the years, more than 2,500 students have passed through the doors of St. Paul, and in excess of 125 Teachers/Principals have taught here.

Principals

Robert Ireland	Brian Vrebosch
Joe Hogan	Wilma Hurley
Ted Hickey	Noel Woods
Michael Breough	Bill Ward
Jim Johnston	Aime Rousseau

September 1993 Enrolment: 420



St. Bernard Catholic School

1000 Dryden Boulevard, Whitby



St. Bernard Catholic School opened in September 1989, in the St. John the Evangelist School Annex (now known as the Giffard Centre). John Holowaty, Principal, pulled the staff of 23 teachers, one Educational Assistant, one secretary and two custodians together to care for the 414 students. There everyone enjoyed a number of portables, a fledgling library on wheels (and in a portable), a tiny staff room, a crowded shared school yard, as well as great morale and fantastic neighbours.

Moving into the present facility the following September (1990) was exciting. This school had beautiful bright classrooms, ample office space, a huge staff room, a gorgeous library along with a number of portables. Bishop Clune blessed the new school at the official opening in April of 1991. In the Fall of 1992, even with the addition of a six-room

relocatable classroom module, more portables were necessary.

Monsignor Breen and Father John Henry of Holy Family Catholic Church have celebrated Mass with staff and students on a number of occasions.

The St. Bernard community is building a strong spirit with the help of an active staff, a supportive Parent Advisory Committee, interested parents, priests, and wonderful students.

Principal

1989-Present John Holowaty

September 1993 Enrolment: 595

St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic School

60 Willowbrook Drive, Whitby



St. Matthew the Evangelist Catholic School opened in September 1990 to serve northwest Whitby. From 16 staff and 337 students, the population has grown to 24 staff and 457 students, and the school has grown to include



two portables.

Throughout the first few years, the community spirit has been

demonstrated through such activities as the student production of "Spirit Alive", the official school opening in April 1991 (at which many books were dedicated to students), annual Christmas concerts and an Environmental Fair in 1992, which required much P.T.O. and community involvement. Ongoing events in the school include regular book fairs, quality daily physical education and electives. Guests to the school include Kim and Jerry Brody, author Sonja Dunn, entertainer and singer Marcus (who sang with the primary choir) and Jim Parker.

Monsignor Breen and Father John Henry regularly visit the school and celebrate masses with staff and students. Sunday mass is celebrated in Holy Family Parish.

Principal

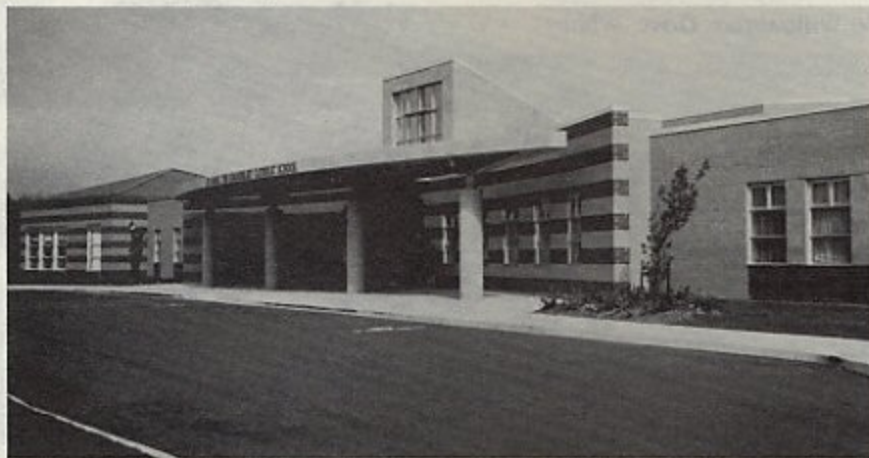
1990-Present Colin Edgecombe

September 1993 Enrolment: 502



St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School

95 Waller Street, Whitby



St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School is located at the corner of Waller Street and Dryden Boulevard in north Whitby. It serves mainly the population east of the hydro lines and north of Rossland Road near Thickson Road. This school, which opened its doors in September 1992 with 304 students, drew its original population from St. Paul Catholic School on Garrard Road and from St. Bernard Catholic School located west on Dryden Boulevard, both of which were overcrowded.

With the expansion of Whitby in a northerly direction, it is expected that the school enrolment will quickly grow to its capacity of 488 students. Provision has been made to expand, if necessary, through relocatable or portable classrooms. The first year saw only seven grade eight students but 53 junior kindergarten students. Thirteen classrooms plus an Art Room, Library, Gymnasium and Music

Room serve the needs of all students.

The unofficial motto is "St. Mark's the Spot" and the crest includes the words "Love, Faith, Respect and Courage" ... which sums up the mission of the school.



Principal
1992-Present Beryl Cameron
September 1993 Enrolment: 413

Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School

1020 Dryden Boulevard, Whitby



Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School opened in September, 1989 at a temporary site in south Whitby. The school community flourished with an enrolment of 315 grade nine and ten students and a teaching staff of 24. The start of the school year in 1990 was a further challenge to staff, students and parents as the anticipated new school was not ready for occupancy, necessitating the use of two temporary sites: the original prestige office complex and the old Archbishop Denis O'Connor school facility. Finally, at Thanksgiving, the school community moved to its permanent facility on Dryden Boulevard which it shares with École secondaire catholique Saint-Charles-Garnier.

The school has continued to grow rapidly and in 1993 boasted an enrolment of 1,119 students and a teaching and support staff of



65. This has necessitated the use of eight portables with more needed in 1994.

The school was named after Father Leo J. Austin who came to Whitby as parish priest in September 1956. Father Austin was instrumental in establishing St. Theresa School in Whitby and St. Leo School in Brooklin. Whitby also owes its first Roman Catholic High School, Archbishop Denis O'Connor, to Father Austin's efforts.

Principals
1989-1991 Joseph Visconti
1991-Present Andy Fedak
September 1993 Enrolment: 1119



PARISH
St. Leo Catholic Church

Baldwin Avenue, Brooklin
 Founded 1983



Schools:

1964 St. Leo Catholic School
 1989 Father Leo J. Austin
 Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend O. Maloney

Present Pastor:

Reverend O. Maloney

St. Leo Catholic School

North Street, Brooklin



On September 8, 1964, St. Leo Catholic School opened its doors to welcome 81 students ranging in age from kindergarten to grade eight.

In 1965-66, St. Leo did not offer kindergarten because of the cost of busing. St. Leo joined with Whitby Separate Schools in 1967 and for several years, Brooklin's youngest students went south to St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul or St. Theresa Catholic Schools. The students of grades seven and eight also attended St. John the Evangelist Catholic School until the Ontario County Separate School Board was incorporated in 1969 and the intermediate students transferred to St. Paul School on Garrard Road. With the advent of Durham Region in 1974, St. Leo became part of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board and has taught its own grade seven and eight since 1971, with the exception of 1980-81 when its three grade eight students studied elsewhere. Since 1982, kindergarten, too, has been back home to stay.



Over the years, the Catholic ratepayers of Brooklin have been forced to defend their school in the face of closure threats and a small enrolment. At various times, St. Leo has been "teamed" with other Catholic schools: St. John the Evangelist and St. Paul in Whitby and Immaculate Conception in Port Perry and has shared administrators to defray expenses.

Principals

Noel Wood	
Ted Hickey	Allan Oerton
Bryan Livett	Wilma Hurley
Frank Corrigan	Cleary Smith
John Quinn	Tim O'Connell
Frank Zochodne	Jeananne Ralph

September 1993 Enrolment: 128



PARISH

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

1710 Scugog Street, Port Perry

Founded 1975



Schools:

1962 Msgr. Paul Dwyer
Catholic High School
1981 Immaculate Conception
Catholic School

Founding Pastor:

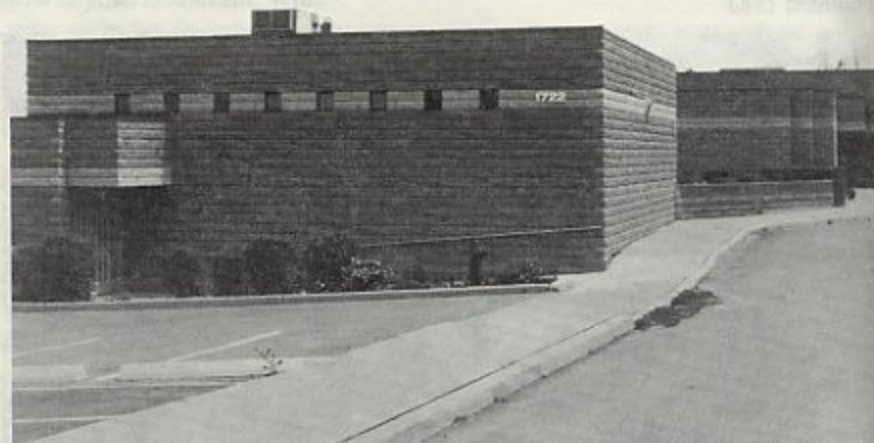
Reverend P. Botman

Present Pastor:

Reverend C. Faleiro

Immaculate Conception Catholic School

1722 Scugog Street, Port Perry



In 1981, Immaculate Conception Catholic School, the first Separate School in Scugog Township, opened in Port Perry with approximately 120 students. During the first year, it was teamed with St. Leo Catholic School in Brooklin for administrative purposes. The school consisted of four portables which housed grades one to eight and the church hall which had kindergarten at one end, the library on the stage



at the other end, and the "gym" between the two. A move south was made in 1985 to a little school in

Raglan which became home for one year while the present building was being constructed. In the fall of 1986, staff and students moved back up north to Port Perry to the brand new school. Since that time, a two room port-a-pac and six portables have been added. The student population has increased by approximately 300 to almost 420 students.

The school was named after the church which is located next door. The school and church continue to have the close ties which were established in the early days when both were sharing the same building.

Principals

1981-1984	John Quinn
1984-1987	Noel Woods
1987-1990	John Arbour
1990-Present	Sue McKenna

September 1993 Enrolment: 419



PARISH

Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ Catholic Church

70 Toronto Street North, Uxbridge
Founded 1874



Schools:

1957 St. John Secondary School
1958 St. Joseph Catholic School
1983 Arch. Denis O'Connor
Catholic High School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend P. Kiernan

Pastor 25 years ago:

Reverend A. Lee

Present Pastor:

Reverend G. Coppens

St. Joseph Catholic School

25 Quaker Village Drive, Uxbridge



St. Joseph Catholic School began its first year of operation in September 1958. The school was built after a group of parents approached the Archdiocese, requesting help in acquiring property to build a Catholic school to serve the Uxbridge area. It was agreed that a recently vacated convent would be the site on which the school would be built. The property was purchased from the Joseph Gould family (a founding family in Uxbridge). In its first year, St. Joseph Catholic School had 68 students, headed by two staff members and a Principal, Mr. Campbell. By January 1969, the school had grown to a capacity of 167 students and six staff members. The first school, located on Toronto Street, received an addition of a gymnasium and a classroom in 1969.

The school moved to its present site in March 1990. Staff and students were greeted with 12 classrooms, including a fully equipped music room. Other

features included a library, gymnasium, and an extension for daycare use (PRYDE). Two years later, a portable was added to the school property. Enrolment had grown to 357 students and 26 staff members.

Special events have included the school blessing in October 1990, with a visit by the former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Lincoln Alexander. In May 1992, television station CFTO, Toronto, covered the school's Environmental Day activities, and in the same month the school had its first full-scale musical, *The Wizard of Oz*.

Principals

1958-1960	Mr. Campbell
1961-1962	Mrs. Tohmen
1963-1964	Michael Jack
1965-1971	Mr. Patayachee
1972-1981	Noel Woods
1982-1987	John D'Costa
1988-1991	Larry Corrigan
1992-Present	Dave Ellis

September 1993 Enrolment: 424



St. John Secondary School

Uxbridge



St. John Secondary School came into existence in 1893 under the watchful eye of the Most Reverend John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto who provided the original site at the corner of Kingston Road and Victoria Park Avenue, far beyond Toronto's city limits. By the 1950's the school found itself located in a heavily built up area with aging facilities and a serious need for relocation.

In 1955, property was purchased at the present location in Uxbridge by His Eminence, James Charles Cardinal McGuigan. The buildings were first occupied on July 8, 1957 when 129 students were bused with all of their belongings from Toronto to the new school. In 1963, a new academic building was officially opened providing students with educational facilities, comparable to any private school within the province.

In 1988, the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board, recognizing the long affiliation of the Catholic



community, assumed responsibility for providing the educational program for St. John's Secondary School.

Today, the school continues under "Section 27" of the Education Act and provides an education for over 300 boys annually.

Principals

1988-1991 Larry Corrigan
1991-Present Pat Sullivan

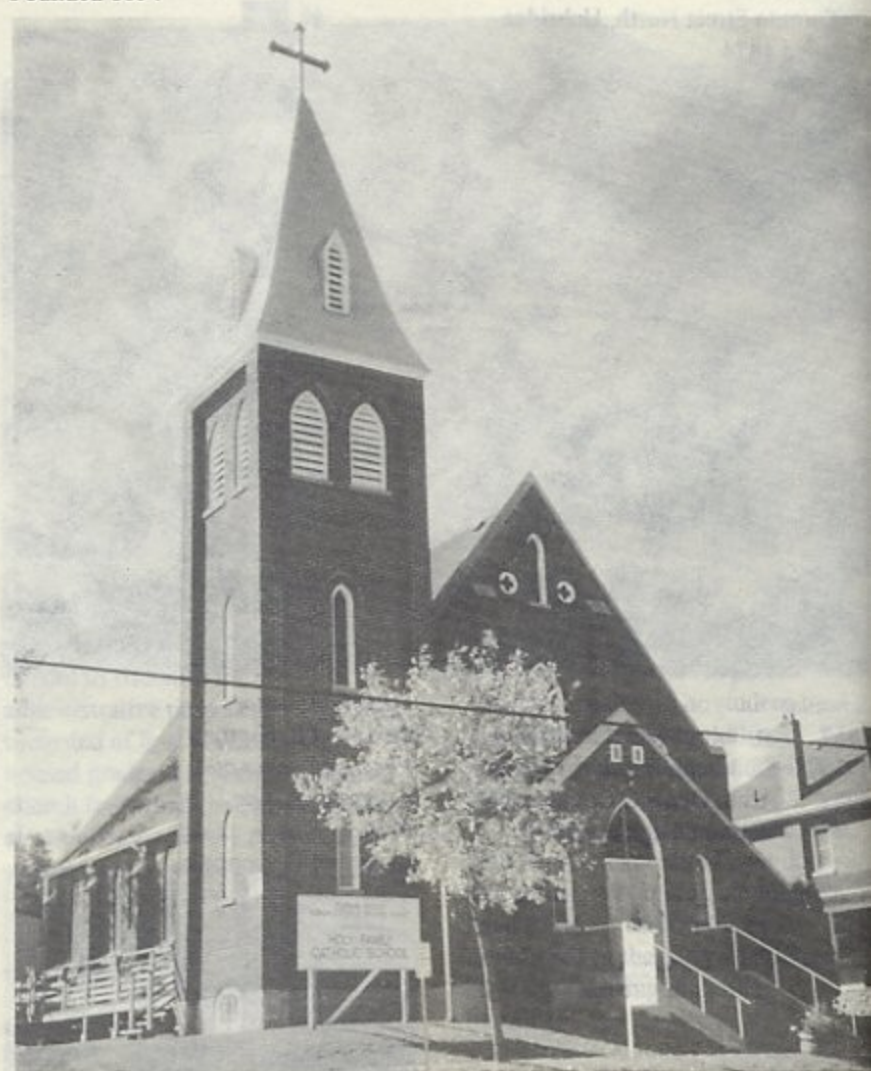
September 1993 Enrolment: 63

PARISH

St. Joseph Catholic Church

573 Simcoe Street, Beaverton

Founded 1854



Schools:

1989 Father Leo J. Austin
Catholic Secondary School
1990 Holy Family Catholic
School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend J. Walsh
Pastor 25 years ago:
Reverend T. McManus
Present Pastor:
Reverend J. Skumavc



Holy Family Catholic School

573 Simcoe Street, Beaverton



The Catholic Church has been present in Brock Township for some 150 years. Parents had long dreamed of a Catholic School to support them in the education and faith development of their children. In June 1989, and again in February 1990, committees of parents from Brock Township approached the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board with a proposal



for a Catholic school to be established in the area. Their efforts were most favourably received by the

Board of Trustees and subsequently, a temporary site was established in Beaverton.

This site was located in the basement of St. Joseph Church in Beaverton with four portables being placed behind the church. Eighty three students were enrolled from junior kindergarten to grade six. Each following year another grade and a portable were added until the school reached grade eight and had seven portables.

In early 1993, the Ministry of Education and Training approved the allocation of funds for a building site and the construction of a Catholic School for the Township of Brock. The school enrolment had increased annually and an anticipated 140 students should begin the 1993-1994 school year.

Principals

1990-1993 Jeananne Ralph
 1993-Present Frank Zochodne
 September 1993 Enrolment: 125



PARISH

St. Mary of the People Catholic Church

570 Marion Avenue, Oshawa

Founded 1957



Schools:

1956 St. Christopher Catholic School
 1962 Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School
 1965 St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
 1966 St. Michael Catholic School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend N. Gignac
 Pastor 25 years ago:
 Reverend N. Gignac
 Present Pastor:
 Reverend P. Casullo

St. Christopher Catholic School

431 Annapolis Avenue, Oshawa



St. Christopher Catholic School opened its doors on September 7, 1956 serving the northwest Oshawa area. It was under construction until September 10, 1956. The school was built with eight rooms. Rooms three to eight were used as classrooms and rooms one and two were used for Mass and PTA meetings. Next to the principal's office was a small health room. First year enrolment in September 1956 consisted of 140 students in grades one to six and staff members. Second year enrolment (September 1957) reached 181 students and six staff members.

St. Christopher Catholic School was blessed on January 18, 1959 by His Eminence, James Cardinal McGuigan. The first Mass for the parish was celebrated on October 13, 1957 at the school. A church hall was then built with St. Mary of the People parish holding their first Mass in the hall on December 8, 1958. St. Mary of the People Parish was the first bilingual parish in the diocese. On

May 25, 1958 the students of St. Christopher Catholic School celebrated the sacrament of First Communion at the church hall with Father Gignac. On November 29, 1964 the sod was turned for the church and on September 8, 1965 the first Mass was celebrated.

Under construction in 1961 to the west end of the original eight room school, was the first addition consisting of six additional classrooms. On November 26, 1970 the second addition consisting of six more classrooms, a library, staff room and a gymnasium was officially opened and blessed by Reverend N.J. Gignac, Parish Priest.

Principals

1956-1958	Frank Levay
1959-1967	Sr. MaryBeatrice
1968-1974	Bill Ward
1975-1978	John Holowaty
1979-1980	Grant Andrews
1981-1985	Brian Vrebosch
1986-1988	Breen O'Connor
1989-1991	Beryl Cameron
1992-Present	Tim O'Connell

September 1993 Enrolment: 564

St. Michael Catholic School

50 Vancouver Court, Oshawa



St. Michael Catholic School opened in September 1966 to serve the growing area west of the Oshawa Centre. Although built as an eight-room school, consideration was given at the time for possibly 12 or 16 rooms. The first students came from St. Christopher Catholic School and Westmount Public School.

By 1969, there were 226 students in kindergarten to grade six with intermediate students going to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. The library at that time was in the

Students often had regular physical education at the Civic Dome. Extra-curricular bowling at the Oshawa Centre was especially enjoyable. Students were also bused to St. Mary of the People Church for regular monthly masses.

In 1988, the new long-awaited addition provided much needed classroom space, a gymnasium, library, music room and offices. A total of 15 classrooms now hold over 400 students which speaks well of the projection made 25 years ago.

Principals

1966-1967	Bill Ward
1967-1968	Ron Oke
1968-1969	Sr. M. Beatrice
1969-1972	Sr. M. Redemption
1972-1974	Sr. M. Andrea
1974-1979	Allan Oerton
1979-1984	Ron Oke
1984-1989	Wilf Clavette
1989-Present	Marie VanDenHoogen

September 1993 Enrolment: 468



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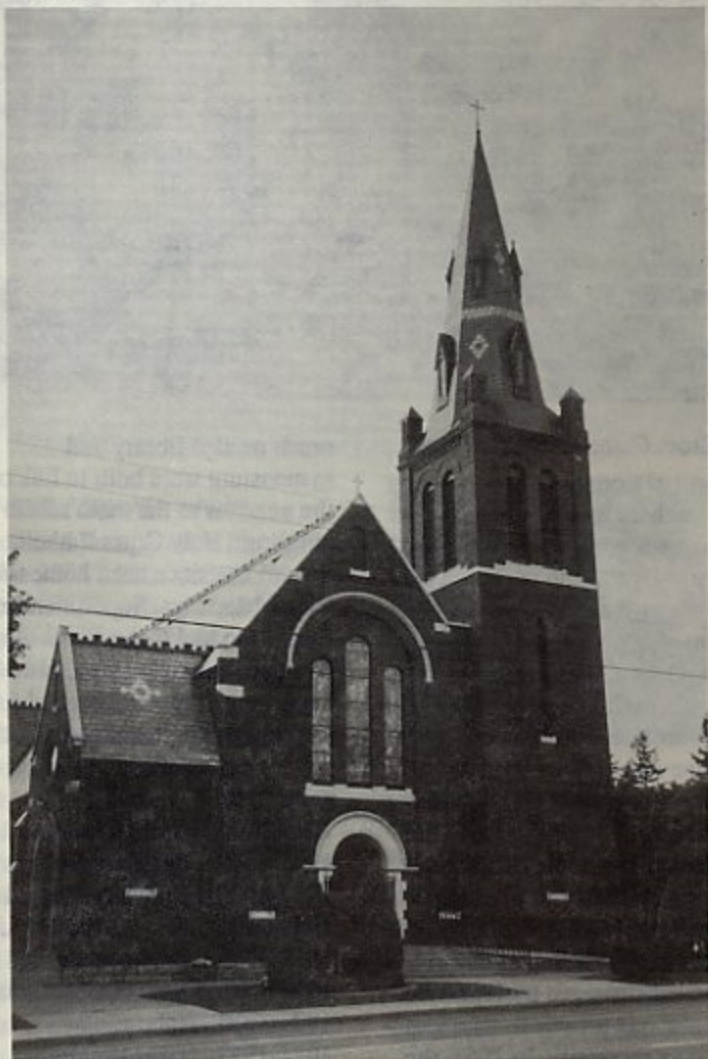


PARISH

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

194 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa

Founded 1843



Schools:

- 1855 St. Gregory Catholic School
- 1962 Msgr. Paul Dwyer Catholic High School

Founding Pastor:

- Reverend H. Fitzpatrick
- Pastor 25 years ago:*
- Monsignor Paul Dwyer
- Present Pastor:*
- Reverend B. Massman



St. Gregory Catholic School

202 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa



St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Oshawa was the first Catholic school to be established in what is now Durham Region. The first building, a one-storey wooden structure at the rear of the church property, was built in 1859. However, classes had been held since 1855; first in the Sons of Temperance Hall, then in the church vestry.

A second white brick building in 1867 had various additions until 1913. The front eight rooms of the present school were built between 1912-13 on the site of the former church cemetery. It included a well equipped auditorium on the second floor and large playrooms in the basement.

In 1927, following a fire, four classrooms were added to the rear of the school. An auditorium on the second floor was converted to classrooms on the opening of St. Gregory Auditorium (1957). The auditorium has since been available for physical education and special events.

A remarkable era of the school occurred from 1944 to 1963 when the Christian Brothers established

a boys' division within the school. Their contribution to the athletic and musical endeavors bring back fond memories. A manual training shop was established at the school in 1952.

Principals of St. Gregory C.S.

- 1915-1921 Sr. M. Irene Conroy
- 1921-1922 Sr. M. Eulalia Tallon
- 1922-1925 Sr. M. St. Catherine
- 1925-1933 Sr. Margaret Mary Venini
- 1933-1935 Sr. Agatha Goodwin
- 1935-1941 Sr. Mary Angela Bradley
- 1941-1947 Sr. Mary Alban Hennessey
- 1947-1953 Sr. St. Ambrose Kelly
- 1953-1955 Sr. Mary B. Kennedy
- 1955-1963 Sr. Mary Carmel Wright
- 1963-1965 Sr. Elizabeth A. Heeman
- 1965-1971 Sr. Petronilla Lamphier
- 1971-1974 Gerry Noonan
- 1974-1977 Edna Gannon
- 1977-1981 Bryan Livett
- 1981-1984 Cleary Smith
- 1984-1989 Joan Edwards
- 1989-Present Jim Cushing



Principals of Boys' School

- 1944-1950 Brother Richard
- 1950-1954 Brother S. Christopher
- 1954-1960 Brother Peter
- 1960-1962 Brother Edward
- 1962-1963 Brother Terrence

September 1993 Enrolment: 154

PARISH

Holy Cross Catholic Church

373 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa

Founded 1939



Schools:

- 1938 Holy Cross Catholic School
- 1965 St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
- 1988 Msgr. John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

- Reverend Philip Coffey
- Pastor 25 years ago:*
- Reverend M. Darby
- Present Pastor:*
- Reverend W. Lynch

Holy Cross Catholic School

357 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa



Holy Cross Catholic School was opened in 1938 on its present site. Its first teachers included Sisters from the Order of St. Joseph, as well as lay staff. By the end of the Second World War there was an enrolment of approximately 900 students. Over a long period of time, as other schools were founded, the total enrolment decreased to the present one of less than 200. A French Immersion section added to the school in 1990 has increased the total to 300. To accommodate the original high enrolment, annexes were added in 1955 and 1963. In 1956, the records show that 822 students were managed by 19 female teachers and one principal, who was also her own secretary. In 1963, the first male teacher was assigned. In 1972 the Sisters of St. Joseph withdrew their involvement in the school. In 1973, thanks to the persistence of John Liptay, Principal, and concerned parents, a

much needed library and gymnasium were built to link one of the annexes to the main school building. Holy Cross Catholic School has since been home to Board Meetings, Superintendents of Education and Consultants offices, a Heritage Language base, two beginning High Schools and finally the Board Maintenance Department.

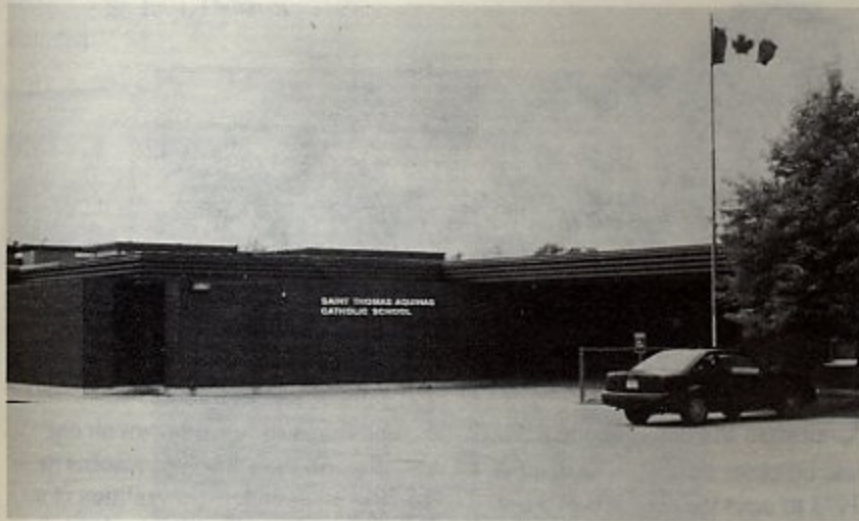
Principals

- 1941-1945 Sr. St. Ambrose
 - 1945-1949 Sr. Mary Vincent
 - 1952-1953 Sr. Mary Medard
 - 1954-1958 Sr. Gertrude Marie
 - 1958-1959 Sr. Jeanne Marie
 - 1959-1973 Sr. Thomas Aquinas
 - 1973-1974 John Liptay
 - 1974-1977 John Vesters
 - 1977-1983 Aime Rousseau
 - 1983-1988 Edward Hickey
 - 1988-1991 Dave Ellis
 - 1991-1993 Nick Barber
 - 1993-Present Neil Robbescheuten
- September 1993 Enrolment: 305



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

400 Pacific Avenue, Oshawa



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School opened for operation in September 1965 with a student population of 180 youngsters from kindergarten to grade seven. The school was blessed in December, 1965 by Monsignor Paul Dwyer.

By 1968, with enrolment to 274 students in kindergarten to grade eight, an addition was started. The addition comprised of a library and eight classrooms and was completed the following year. In November of 1970, the addition was blessed by Father B. Mahoney who was Pastor of Holy Cross Church. For a number of years, St. Thomas Aquinas was the site for Intermediate Industrial Arts/Family Studies for the Oshawa schools.

This school has earned a fine reputation for educating children in south-central Oshawa for over 25 years.



Principals

1965-1971	Frank Helferty
1971-1975	Sr. Eileen Mohan
1975-1980	Wilf Clavette
1980-1984	Gerry Noonan
1984-1987	Lionel Kelly
1987-1988	Beryl Cameron
1988-Present	Gene Kiernicki

September 1993 Enrolment: 226

PARISH

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

1314 Oxford Street, Oshawa

Founded 1968



Schools:

1959	Msgr. Philip Coffey Catholic School
1973	Canadian Martyrs Catholic School
1988	Msgr. John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend H. MacMillan

Pastor 25 years ago:

Reverend J. Lawlor

Present Pastor:

Reverend P. Lennon



Monsignor Philip Coffey Catholic School

1324 Oxford Street, Oshawa



Originally named St. Philip Catholic School, Monsignor Philip Coffey Catholic School was opened in September 1959 to serve the burgeoning south Oshawa area. St. Philip was also the site of the French First Language school in 1960/61 (three rooms; 90 students). Sunday Mass was celebrated in the school until the church was built in 1962. Early memories include the school's country-like setting beside a glorious stand of hardwoods and a massive skating pond on the playground for the annual winter carnival.

Eight additional classrooms along with a gymnasium, library and



school offices were added to the original eight-room school in 1969. From its early enrolment of 82 students, the school had shown steady growth to approximately 500 students until levelling off over the past few years at 400 students.

The name change was made in 1977 to more fully honour Monsignor Coffey (1898-1963), Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, for his efforts in establishing the Catholic presence in south Oshawa.

Principals

1959-1960	David Dineen
1960-1962	Ron Oke
1962-1963	John Talbot
1963-1966	Mary Ann Murphy
1966-1967	Michael Lisko
1967-1974	Larry Corrigan
1974-1976	John Liptay
1976-1979	Rudy Zamarski
1979-1984	Gene Kiernicki
1984-1987	John Arbour
1987-1990	Colin Edgecombe
1990-Present	Ron Oke

September 1993 Enrolment: 385

Canadian Martyrs Catholic School

383 Chaleur Avenue, Oshawa



Canadian Martyrs Catholic School was officially opened in September 1973 to meet the demands of a new housing development created in the south end of Oshawa on the shores of Lake Ontario. This new school was built to help support growth of the parish of St. Philip the Apostle and was named after the eight Jesuit priests who were martyred at Midland, Ontario.

The "open-concept" school opened its doors to an enrolment of 159 and a teaching staff of six. Over the course of the next ten years, enrolment grew until a peak of 240 students was reached, and a portable was requested. During the past ten years, growth has declined and enrolment has levelled off to approximately 170 students.

As the student population grew and changed, so did the physical appearance inside Canadian Martyrs Catholic School. Two large open areas were converted, with the addition of walls, into eight classrooms; four are totally enclosed

and four still remain open on one side. As the school approaches its 20th anniversary, the addition of a gymnasium, forecasted by 1995, is very eagerly awaited by all.

Principals

1973-1977	Jim Cushing
1977-1982	Lionel Kelly
1982-1987	Neil Robbescheuten
1987-1988	Paul Pulla
1988-1992	John Quinn
1992-Present	Linda Frost

September 1993 Enrolment: 178



PARISH

St. Gertrude Catholic Church

690 King St. East, Oshawa

Founded 1951



Schools:

- 1954 St. Gertrude Catholic School
- 1962 Msgr. Paul Dwyer Catholic High School
- 1963 Father Francis Mahoney Catholic School
- 1965 Sir Albert Love Catholic School
- 1969 John XXIII Catholic School
- 1988 Msgr. John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend Francis Mahoney

Pastor 25 years ago:

Reverend J. Myers

Present Pastor:

Reverend J. Kelly

St. Gertrude Catholic School

692 King Street East, Oshawa



Forty years ago, in September 1954, 72 students in grades one to five and their two teachers crammed into rooms in the parish rectory to mark the opening in east central Oshawa of St. Gertrude Catholic School. The school itself, which was a joint financial venture of the Parish and the School Board, was under construction on the site next door to the Parish Church.

September 1955 saw the beginning of a 20 year period during which the Sisters of St. Joseph were involved in the school as teachers and principals.

Enrolment steadily increased and four rooms had to be added in 1960. When the amalgamated School Board came into existence in 1969 all the rooms were occupied, with 250 pupils in grades kindergarten to six.

Over the past 25 years, enrolment steadily increased but in the past few years enrolment has declined to approximately 150

students, some of whom are the children of former students. One thing remains unchanged: the close ties between school and church. Not only spiritually and liturgically, but in practical ways, such as shared facilities (the gymnasium is the church basement). It is through this relationship that this small central Oshawa school will continue to foster and develop Christian values and relationships.

Principals

1955	Lorna Finley
1955-1959	Sr. St. Gervaise
1959-1960	Sr. Amadea
1960-1963	Sr. Isadore
1963-1974	Sr. Rose
1974-1979	Ron Oke
1979-1981	Allan Oerton
1981-1986	Nick Barber
1986-1991	Bryan Livett
1991-1992	John Arbour
1992 - Present	Geoff Scahill

September 1993 Enrolment: 154



Father Francis Mahoney Catholic School

411 Elmridge Avenue, Oshawa



St. Francis Separate School opened in September 1963 with 197 students. With the southeast area of Oshawa quickly expanding, a nine room addition, including a



gymnasium, was erected in 1966. The school population has continued to grow to its present enrolment of 430, with three portables. The school was called St. Francis in honour of Father Francis Mahoney who was the parish priest at St. Gertrude Church. By counsel and with financial assistance he had helped the Oshawa Separate School Board build St. Gertrude Catholic School. He was also involved in the planning of St. Francis School

before he passed away in 1960. Although the school had been named St. Francis, it was changed in 1977 to Father Francis Mahoney Catholic School to more fully

honour the man who had worked so hard for Catholic Education in Oshawa.

Principals

1963-1967	Martin Martens
1967-1975	Michael Lisko
1974-1975	Aime Rousseau
1975-1979	Bill Ward
1979-1984	John Arbour
1984-1989	Ron Oke
1989 - present	Nancy Drynan
September 1993 Enrolment: 435	

Sir Albert Love Catholic School

425 Wilson Road North, Oshawa



The original school building was made up of nine classrooms, and in 1970 an addition was added to include a library, art and science room and two open-concept classrooms.

From its early enrolment of 185 students, the school showed steady growth to 708 students in 1984. Since 1984 the boundaries have been changed twice to reduce the student population. This has resulted in a steady decline and the removal of three portables.

Now in its 28th year, Sir Albert Love Catholic School boasts an enrolment of 517 students.

Sir Albert Love Catholic School, an eight classroom elementary school of the Oshawa Separate School System, was built in 1965 to accommodate Catholic students in northeast Oshawa and named in honor of the late Sir Albert Love. Sir Albert was invested in May 1956 by His Holiness Pope Pius XII as a Grand Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He had served on the Separate School Board in Oshawa for many years and was the Board's first Business Administrator.

Principals

1965-1970	Sr. M. Richard
1970-1974	Sr. M. Higgins
1974-1979	Gerry Noonan
1979-1983	John Holowaty
1983-1989	Frank Corrigan
1989-1990	Ron Oke
1990-Present	Mary Cole

September 1993 Enrolment: 517



John XXIII Catholic School

195 Athabasca Street, Oshawa



John XXIII Catholic School was named for Pope John XXIII, who served the church as Pope during Vatican II. The school was officially opened on June 16, 1968 and was ready to receive students in September of 1968. Originally designated a kindergarten to grade six school to serve the eastern sector of Oshawa, John XXIII Catholic School had an original enrolment of 147 students with eight classrooms and a total teaching staff of seven.

One of six schools affiliated with St. Gertrude Parish, John XXIII Catholic School has been proud of its positive involvement in the Catholic community throughout its history.

A much needed addition to the school was completed in the 1990/91 school year to accommodate the junior kindergarten to grade eight population and a northward expanding boundary. The school's enrolment has now surpassed 450 and is housed in 15 classrooms, a

full gymnasium, a library and an amphitheatre. Portable classrooms are being added to accommodate increasing enrolment and a total staff of close to 30 is involved in program delivery to all students.



Principals

1968-1972	Michael Breaugh
1972-1973	Wilf Clavette
1973-1976	Lionel Kelly
1976-1980	Nick Barber
1980-1983	Allan Oerton
1983-1984	Joan Edwards
1984-1986	Allan Oerton
1986-1993	Neil Robbescheuten
1993-Present	John Quinn

September 1993 Enrolment: 488

PARISH

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

1100 Mary Street North, Oshawa

Founded 1985



Schools:

1958	St. Joseph Catholic School
1962	Msgr. Paul Dwyer Catholic High School
1970	Father Joseph Venini Catholic School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend N. Gignac
Present Pastor:
Reverend N. Gignac



St. Joseph Catholic School

1037 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa



St. Joseph Catholic School opened in 1958 with six classrooms in an imposing two-storey structure amidst a rural-like setting. Over the years, the area has developed into a busy commercial area complete with a four-lane thoroughfare, high rise apartments and condominium complexes. Early memories include the staff parking lot in the woods south of the school and an artificial outdoor skating pad which is now the North Oshawa Arena.

In 1962 an east wing, including a science lab and gymnasium, was built to house the newly established St. Joseph Catholic High School. Two years later, the grade nine and ten students moved to the present site on Stevenson Road. The east wing then became the senior school (grades seven and eight) for neighbouring Catholic schools for a number of years.

There have been many cosmetic changes over the years, including improved parking and playground, and four portables. The school has



continued to maintain its friendly atmosphere and its ability to adapt to constant changes.

Principals	
1958-1959	David Dincen
1959-1962	Sr. St. Dorothy
1963-1964	Sr. Beatrice
1965-1966	Michael Lisko
1966-1967	Sr. Rosalia
1967-1970	Sr. Eileen (was Sr. Mary Vincent)
1970-1976	Ted Hickey
1976-1980	Brian Vrebosch
1980-1985	Breen O'Connor
1985-1990	Nick Barber
1990-Present	Dave Hodkinson
September 1993 Enrolment:	432

Father Joseph Venini Catholic School

120 Glovers Road, Oshawa



Father Joseph Venini Catholic School was officially opened and blessed by Father Joseph Venini on Sunday, December 6, 1970 to serve north Oshawa students. Enrolment was 92 students from kindergarten to grade six. There was a staff of six teachers in addition to the school principal. St. Gregory the Great was the parish until 1985 when



St. Joseph the Worker Parish began to serve the north community of Oshawa. As the

school grew to over 360 students, on May 6, 1991 the school was blessed with a new addition. This gave the school a gymnasium, kindergarten classrooms and a new senior wing.

The historical significance of Father Joseph Venini Catholic School is that Father Venini himself blessed the school. Father Venini was a missionary and that his Mission came back to Oshawa for such a tribute said it all. On one St. Patrick Day, people saw the Irish Flag flying from the flag pole! This event stirred up some surprise but was later forgotten with a smile.

Principals
 Nick Barber
 Jim Cushing
 Rudy Zamarski
 Nancy Drynan
 Edward Hickey

September 1993 Enrolment: 385



PARISH

St. Hedwig Catholic Church

411 Olive Avenue, Oshawa

Founded 1955



Schools:

- 1958 St. Hedwig Catholic School
- 1988 Msgr. John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend P. Klita

Pastor 25 years ago:

Reverend J. Chwist

Present Pastor:

Reverend E. Mroczynski

St. Hedwig Catholic School

421 Olive Avenue, Oshawa



St. Hedwig Catholic School opened its doors for the first time in September 1958 to approximately 300 students from kindergarten to grade eight. The school was built to serve the needs of the growing Polish community in the Ritson and Olive area of Oshawa. The original structure housed six classrooms, washrooms, staff room and office space. By April 1960, overcrowding necessitated the construction of four more classrooms, washrooms and a secretary's office. The addition quickly became known as the "37 day wonder" in reference to the speed at which the construction was completed. In January 1959, St. Hedwig housed nearly 400 students. Since then, changing demographics have seen the St. Hedwig Catholic School population decline to the present level of 138 students.

St. Hedwig Catholic School owes a debt of gratitude to the Felician Sisters, many of whom emigrated from Poland. Their dedication and

commitment to the students and community were much appreciated.

As St. Hedwig Catholic School celebrates its 35th Anniversary in the Fall of 1993, we extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board on its 25th Anniversary.

Principals

- 1958-1961 Sr. Mary Rachel Krauza
- 1961-1962 Sr. Mary Emundine Aamczak
- 1962-1963 Sr. Mary Pontianne Kubera
- 1963-1965 Sr. Mary Edith Gawlinski
- 1965-1966 Sr. Alexandrette Smith
- 1967-1976 Sr. Regina Marie Necel
- 1976-1979 Aime Rousseau
- 1979-1983 Rudy Zamarski
- 1983-1989 Jim Cushing
- Sept. 1989 Nancy Drynan
- 1989-1990 John Nicholls
- 1990-1991 John Arbour
- 1991-Present Leonore Barnard

September 1993 Enrolment: 138



Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School

700 Stevenson Road North, Oshawa



The present Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School started in September, 1962 as St. Joseph Catholic High School, thanks to the vision and commitment of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Monsignor Paul Dwyer and other Catholic Priests in Oshawa who realized the need for the continuation of Catholic education from elementary to secondary school. St. Joseph Catholic High School became the Oshawa Catholic High School in 1964. The name was changed to Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School in 1978 in memory of Monsignor Dwyer who gave yeoman service to the Oshawa community.

The school population has expanded rapidly since its beginning. From a staff of 11 in 1966 (seven of whom were Sisters) and a student population of 224, the school now boasts a staff of about 70 (without Sisters) and a student population of almost 1,100. The rapid increase in the student

population in the 1970's necessitated additional facilities. Portables appeared, then a port-a-pac housing eight classrooms was added in the mid-1980's. A new, major addition presently under construction, will include a Technological Studies wing, a new Cafetorium, Computer and Business classrooms, Fitness Centre and a new Resource Centre, as well as additional classrooms. As the school approaches its 30th anniversary, we salute the many Principals, Teachers, Secretarial and Custodial staff and students who have played such a vital role in creating the excellent school we now enjoy.

Principals

1964-1967	Sr. Mary Sheila
1967-1979	Sr. Conrad Lauber
1979-1988	Sr. Anne Schenk
1988-1991	John Brown
1991-Present	John Vesters

September 1993 Enrolment: 1084

Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School

316 Conant Street, Oshawa



Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School opened its doors to approximately 100 students in September, 1988. As the second Catholic Secondary School established to serve the Oshawa community, the school operated in its first year using the facilities at Holy Cross Catholic School. Eight teaching staff under the leadership of Greg Pollock, Principal, and Paul Pulla, Vice-Principal established the foundations of this new Catholic Secondary School to serve the needs of students in the south Oshawa area.

In January 1990, staff and students made the move to the new site on Conant Street. This facility was built on the site of the former John C. Pereyma Catholic Elementary School originally opened in 1964 under the leadership of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, a Ukrainian Religious

Community.

Monsignor John Pereyma (the Pastor of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church on Albert Street in Oshawa) devoted his efforts to a campaign to build a Catholic elementary school within his Parish. The result was the opening of John F. Kennedy School in September 1964. As a tribute to Monsignor Pereyma's vision and dedication, the school was renamed John C. Pereyma Catholic School after his death in January 1976. Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School, by continuing the tradition of Catholic education in the community, realized the vision shared by Monsignor Pereyma.

Principals

1988-1990	Greg Pollock
1990-1991	Andy Fedak
1991-Present	Tom Fitzsimmons

September 1993 Enrolment: 637



PAROISSE

Église catholique Assomption-de-Notre-Dame

384, avenue Hillside, Oshawa
Fondation 1966



Écoles paroissiales :
1959 Corpus-Christi
1985 Notre-Dame-de-la-Jeunesse
1987 Saint-Charles-Garnier
(école secondaire)

Curé fondateur :
Révérend Père R. Sanschagrin
Curé 25 ans passés :
Révérend Père R. Sanschagrin
Curé actuel :
Révérend Père V. Laurin

École catholique Corpus-Christi

362, avenue Hillside, Oshawa



Depuis 1958, il existait des classes françaises aux écoles St. Joseph, St. Philip et St. Christopher. Il a cependant fallu attendre 1962 pour que Monseigneur Philip Pocock approuve la construction d'une école bilingue à Oshawa. L'école élémentaire catholique Corpus-Christi a vu ses débuts en 1963 sur le site actuel, soit le 362, avenue Hillside. L'école a ouvert ses portes avec 248 élèves et sept membres du personnel enseignant.

En 1969, étant donné la croissance des effectifs, on ajoutait plusieurs locaux dont une classe de sciences, une salle d'études, une bibliothèque et un gymnase. La population scolaire était alors de 342 élèves et de douze enseignantes et enseignants. En 1975, l'école Corpus-Christi passait du statut d'école bilingue à celui d'école française. Aujourd'hui, l'école

compte une population étudiante de plus de 400 élèves et un personnel enseignant de 25 membres.



Direction d'école

L'école Corpus-Christi dessert les francophones de la ville d'Oshawa et du comté avoisinant. Depuis 1963, il y a eu sept personnes à la direction de l'école : Soeur Jean-Marc (1963-1966)/Soeur Huguette Lalonde (1966-1971)/ M. Achille Haché, (1971-1979 et 1982-1983)/ M. Raymond Léger (1979-1982)/ M. Dennis Yapps (1983-1987)/ Mme Céline Boutin (1987-1990)/et M. Gilles Fournier (1990-1993)/

Effectif en septembre 1993
430 élèves



École catholique Notre-Dame-de-la-Jeunesse

11, avenue Ritchie, Ajax



L'école Notre-Dame-de-la-Jeunesse a vu le jour à cause d'un accroissement de la population étudiante à l'école Corpus-Christi et grâce au zèle inlassable et à la ténacité d'un groupe de parents convaincus et déterminés de la région de Pickering et Ajax.

En septembre 1985, un module de langue française accueillait 109 élèves des villes d'Ajax et de Pickering, dans des locaux temporaires à l'école Holy Redcemer. Ils y sont demeurés deux ans et quatre mois. Enfin, en décembre 1987, un nouvel édifice ouvrait ses portes à 277 élèves, de la maternelle à la sixième année. Cette augmentation soudaine de l'effectif de l'école était due en partie à la nouvelle zone scolaire qui englobe encore aujourd'hui presque toute la ville de Whitby. À la suite d'un concours lancé parmi les élèves et les parents, on adopte le nom de Notre-Dame-de-la-Jeunesse. Depuis 1989, l'école étend son éducation en

langue française jusqu'aux élèves de la huitième année. L'école connaît une croissance constante ces dernières années et se maintient à 360 élèves.



Direction d'école

L'école Notre-Dame-de-la-Jeunesse est située dans la ville d'Ajax et elle dessert toutes les familles francophones de Pickering, d'Ajax, d'Uxbridge et de Whitby jusqu'à l'ouest de la rue Thickson. Monsieur Achille Haché en est le directeur depuis son ouverture.

Effectif en septembre 1993
363 élèves

École secondaire catholique Saint-Charles-Garnier

1020, boulevard Dryden, unité A, Whitby



L'école secondaire Saint-Charles-Garnier existe depuis septembre 1987 alors qu'elle occupait des locaux au Centre culturel de la paroisse Assomption-de-Notre-Dame. En janvier 1989, l'école emménageait de façon temporaire au 250, boulevard Michael à Whitby. Elle occupe maintenant un site partagé au 1020, boulevard Dryden à Whitby et espère s'établir d'ici quelques années sur un site permanent.

Saint Charles Garnier, missionnaire et un des huit martyrs canadiens que nous vénérons comme pilier de l'Église canadienne, a donné son nom à l'école.

La devise de l'école secondaire catholique Saint-Charles-Garnier, «Foi, francophonie, fierté», représente l'engagement de tous les partenaires de la communauté scolaire. Chaque élève reçoit une excellente préparation académique,

tout en vivant sa foi et en participant à des activités linguistiques et culturelles qui soulignent son appartenance à la francophonie et alimentent sa fierté.

Direction d'école

L'école, qui dessert tous les élèves francophones de la région de Durham, a connu deux directeurs depuis son ouverture; Monsieur Dennis Yapps a dirigé l'école de 1987 à 1989 et Monsieur Normand Berry en est le directeur depuis 1990.

Effectif en septembre 1993
232 élèves



UPDATE

Reflections In Time

Catholic Education In Durham Region ...1969 - 1994

"History is a transitory thing, shifting from day to day..."

The first Ukrainian immigrants to the Oshawa area attended masses at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church from 1908 to 1912.



In 1912, Rev. Joseph Boyarchuk began celebrating the Divine Liturgy for the Ukrainian parishioners at St. Gregory's. St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church was built on Jackson

PARISH

St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church

42 Jackson Avenue, Oshawa

Founded 1912



Schools:

- 1938 Holy Cross Catholic School
- 1988 Msgr. John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School

Founding Pastor:

Reverend Joseph Boyarchuk
Pastor 25 years ago:
Msgr. John C. Pereyma
Present Pastor:
Msgr. Roman Nabereznyj

Avenue in Oshawa in 1916, and the congregation finally had their own home. The present church was built in 1958 at the corner of Albert Street and Jackson Avenue.

Over the years, St. George's has contributed much to the Oshawa schools in its vicinity. The Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board salutes St. George's in her long history of service to the Catholic community of Oshawa and the Durham Region.



St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church: A Special Part of Our Community.



Catholic Education Centre

650 Rossland Road West, Oshawa



occurred in 1989 when the Students Services Department moved into the newly-vacated convent premises attached to Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School. A second building was constructed on property behind the existing Education Centre structure in 1992 to house the Plant Department, which had outgrown its space at 357 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa (the Holy Cross Annex).

As the Board continues to grow, more changes at the Catholic Education Centre may be necessary. Time and necessity will be the driving forces behind any further modifications to the Board's office structure.

Who could imagine that so much would have emanated from two houses so long ago?

As the Board grew over its first quarter century, so did its demands on the original Administration offices. Two converted houses, one at 178 Simcoe Street North and the other at 209 Simcoe Street North, in Oshawa, served as the Board offices when the Ontario County Roman Catholic Separate School Board came into being in 1969. Working space in both locations was always at a premium. In 1974, with the advent of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board, the Annex at Holy Cross Catholic School, Oshawa, replaced the offices at 178 Simcoe Street North. Senior

Administration staff remained at 209 Simcoe Street North, with the Academic Resource staff and the Board Room occupying the Holy Cross Annex.

Continued growth caused the Board to investigate building new Administration and Resource offices, and in 1982, the Catholic Education Centre at 650 Rossland Road West in Oshawa was opened.

At first, space in the new building was comfortable. Soon, however, it became apparent that growth would overtake existing office areas, and the fragmentation of the Education Centre staff

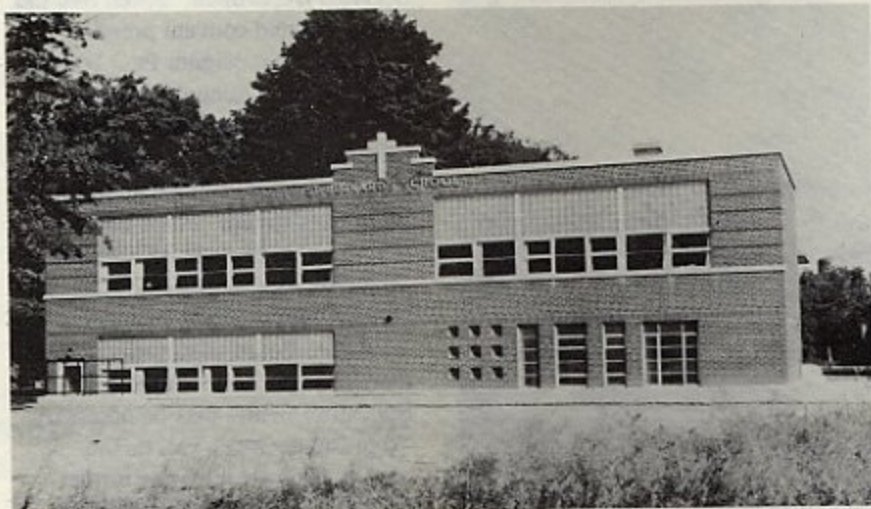


Plant Department



Gone, But Not Forgotten ...

St. Bernard's School, Whitby



The first Catholic school in Whitby was built in 1860 on Brock Street South at Dunlop Street. This building was sold and another school on Palace Street was constructed. Eventually, the Palace Street school became a two-family dwelling.

In 1923, the property at the corner of Dundas Street West at Centre Street was purchased and a two-room school was opened. At this time it was named St. Bernard. An addition of two classrooms, an auditorium and an office was added in 1950.

St. Bernard's School was a Junior school in 1969 with classes for Kindergarten through grade five, and a student enrolment of 152.

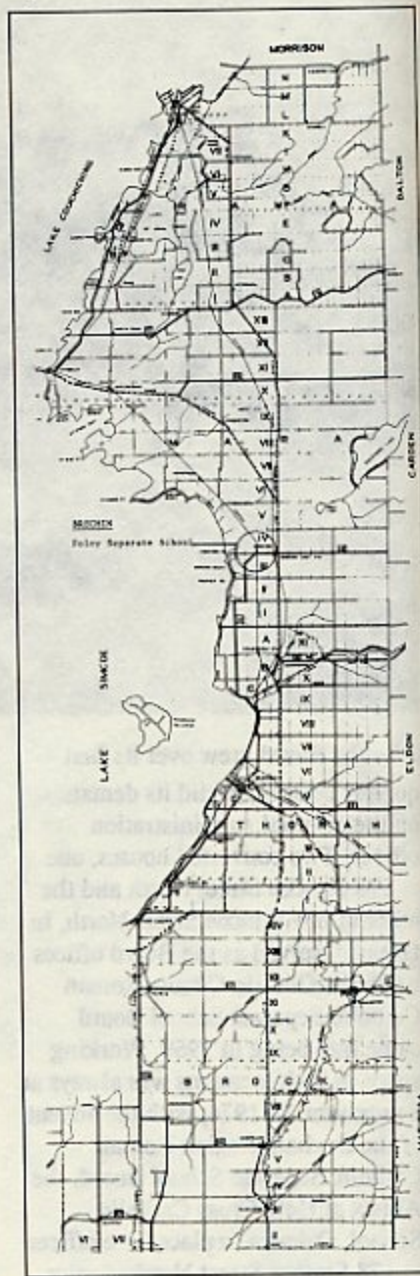
The school officially closed in 1975. The building was demolished in 1987 to make way for a medical centre.

Foley Separate School, Brechin

Foley Separate School had a colourful background going back to 1894. The first record of organized Catholic teaching in Brechin was initiated by John Malone, a principal of a log school in the area. He eventually moved his students into a new one-room brick school, built at the expense of Squire J. P. Foley who had donated the half-acre of necessary land.

The building in use in 1969 had been opened in 1966 to house grades one to eight.

The school came under the jurisdiction of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board in 1974 and continues in operation today.



St. Mary School, Pickering

In September 1952, a number of Catholic families met with the intention of establishing a Separate School in the Rouge Hills area. The Chair of the meeting was Rev. Father V. McGiveney. A Board of Trustees was elected and plans were made to construct a three-room school. St. Mary School opened its doors on Toynevale Road in Pickering in September, 1953.

Two classrooms and a principal's office were added to the original building in 1956. A second addition consisting of four classrooms, washrooms and an office were completed and opened in 1961.

In 1969, the grade seven and eight students began attending the newly-opened Our Lady of the Bay Catholic School, leaving the school to serve Kindergarten to grade six.

St. Mary ceased operation as a Separate School in 1974, with the property being sold by the Board in 1980.



*Original Board Office (1969-1982),
209 Simcoe Street South, Oshawa*



*Edward J. Finan, Director of Education,
1969-1980*

*M. Don Coggins, Soeur Jean-Marc,
M. Achille Haché, École catholique
Corpus Christi, 1964*



Anecdotes... Thoughts... Reminiscences

It seems like only yesterday

I remember Albert Love (before he was a "Sir") visiting my home in Grafton with a Teaching Contract. My Teachers College year was not yet complete, but I was ready for my first "real" job. I turned 18 that summer and started teaching my 48 wonderful grade two and three boys at St. Gregory's School in Oshawa.

My first Principal was Brother Peter, a man who taught me so much about teaching and managing those large classes. Brother Peter was everywhere at once and had a voice that could be heard at the four corners. He was a great man, who was kind and caring towards every student and most understand of a young, green teacher.

*Mary Cole
Principal, Sir Albert Love*





I have been teaching with the help of God for 25 wonderful and exciting years. My first year was very memorable. I was part of the staff that started with the opening of John XXIII School. We were right into a practical application of the new ideas of the time, such as open concept schools and team teaching. I found both concepts were very workable because we had staff who were of the right frame of mind - open and willing to try new things and share ideas. But - students also make things work. We were very lucky to have students that were very co-operative and believe it or not - no behaviour problems or was it just more mutual respect.

I stayed at John XXIII School for 15 years and taught grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 as well as science from grades 1-6 and art from grades 1-8.

For the past 10 years I have been at Sir Albert Love School where I have taught grades 1 and 4. I also taught art to grades 6 and 7. For the past two years I have also kept busy by running all of the Junior Intramural Sports in my lunch hours.

As to the future - I am looking forward to the next 25 years.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stephanie Pasternak
Sir Albert Love
Catholic School



Fr. Joseph Venini, 1970

"I remember working as vice-principal with Larry Corrigan and a host of British teachers, among others, when the addition was started. We had the school divided into two shifts - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Four classes shared the basement of the church."

Willf Clavette
Sir Albert Love
Catholic School



Education Centre Staff, 1982 (in front of 209 Simcoe Street office) Front Row (kneeling, l. to r.): Karen Paats, Ann McGeown, Sheila Knapp, Alice Stovell, Helen Vandermeer, Babs Dilling Middle Row (standing, l. to r.): Ed Finan, Ron Ste. Marie, Pat Chard, Helen McAneney, Diane Traviss, Jean O'Donnell, Karen Gazdik, Pat Fitzsimmons, Audrey O'Reilly, Pauline Hewitt Back Row (l. to r.): Joe Cooper, Ben Hamilton, Frank Shine, Cliff Lehman, Dan Riordan, John Henry

The Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board came in with a bang. There were no professional development days then so we were to "hear all about it" at our Convention Day in Oshawa. A storm was in the air but we all assembled at 8:45 a.m. The speaker was to be a Dr. Martin from the United States who was said to be a magnificent speaker. The speaker did not arrive; the storm got worse and there we sat. The only information we got that day was a map of the new Region on an overhead projector. Also we had three uneasy administrators trying to fill in. The jokes soon paled; the message came that the speaker was not just delayed, he was not coming. Lunch was served: almost raw chicken which no one ate. Immediately after lunch we were told the day was over as the storm was increasing. The hotel would make no recompense for their food fiasco but said they would reduce our next lunch with them by 25%. We didn't take them up on it.



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St. Albert's
Catholic School



In the mid-sixties there was a rather strict dress code in some schools. Girls could wear pants under their skirts if it was cold, and remove them at the classroom door. One teacher of kindergarten children who had two classes of 52 each morning and afternoon looked up after roll call and noticed a little fellow sitting in his underwear. Why? His answer was, "You're not supposed to wear pants in this school."

Little Peter was an endearing child. One cold day just after lunch a teacher met him running out of the washroom on his way outside no hat, shoes on the wrong feet, coat unbuttoned.

"Peter why don't you stop and get dressed properly? It's cold outside."

"Lunch is over and when the principal says, 'Go outside!' you go outside," said Peter.

A little kindergarten boy found life very frightening when a P.A. System was installed. When his teacher returned to the room one day he was crying his eyes out. The Vice Principal had just come over the new system with a loud message that someone had taken a football home and must return it at once to the office. The little one, between his sobs, said, "That man in that box up there wants the new football back and I didn't take it."



We were to raise Canada's new flag for the first time. It was exciting; the children had been briefed on this historic event. The whole school assembled on the front lawn; cars slowed down on the main street; we sang "O Canada". The time had come, the boys were given the go head to raise the flag. All present were looking up as instructed. The principal had but two words to say: "Upside down"



Board of Trustees, 1993 Front Row (l. to r.): Robert Boisvert, Judy Morris, Mary Zecchino, Tom Oldman, Joe Bugelli, Judy Feeney (resigned 1992; replaced by Bill Fawcett - resigned 1993; replaced by Todd McCarthy), Mary Ann Martin Back Row (l. to r.): Jim Woodward, Jim McCafferty, Ginette McCann (resigned 1992; replaced by Marc Lapointe), Ed Finan, Janice Oldman, Gerry Noonan, Cathy Stokes (resigned 1993; replaced by John Muha), Kevin Ashe, Kathy LeFort, Paul Woodcroft, Kathy York (resigned 1993; replacement to be elected, 1994), Joe Corey



Board of Trustees, 1969 Front Row (l. to r.): Winona Clarke, Terry O'Connor, Dr. George Sciuk, John Blakeley, Nelson Puetz Back Row (l. to r.): Ken MacDonald, Frank Baron, Morgan O'Connor, Pat Walsh, Rev. R. Sanschagrín, Mike Rudka, Dave Halliday, Ted Beauchamp, Hugh Armstrong

We recall sitting in our staffroom listening to a new teacher on staff tell this story.

"I remember" she says "passing this old school for years and thinking that if I ever moved to the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board I'd never want to teach there."

Guess where she ended up ... in that old school! As we listen to her now, she counts her blessings. The building may not be a pretty sight but what is inside is a real delight. The new paint and renovations but especially the people ... the entire staff including secretary, custodians, educational assistants, teachers, vice principal, principal and support staff, students, clergy and parents make this old school a very special school!

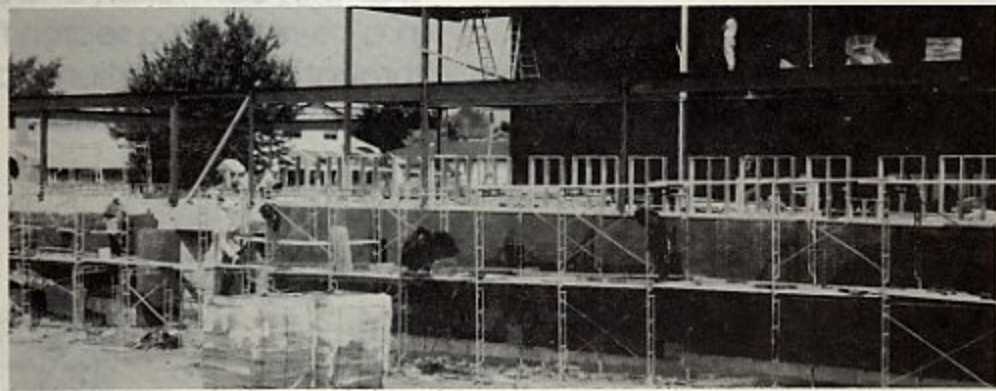
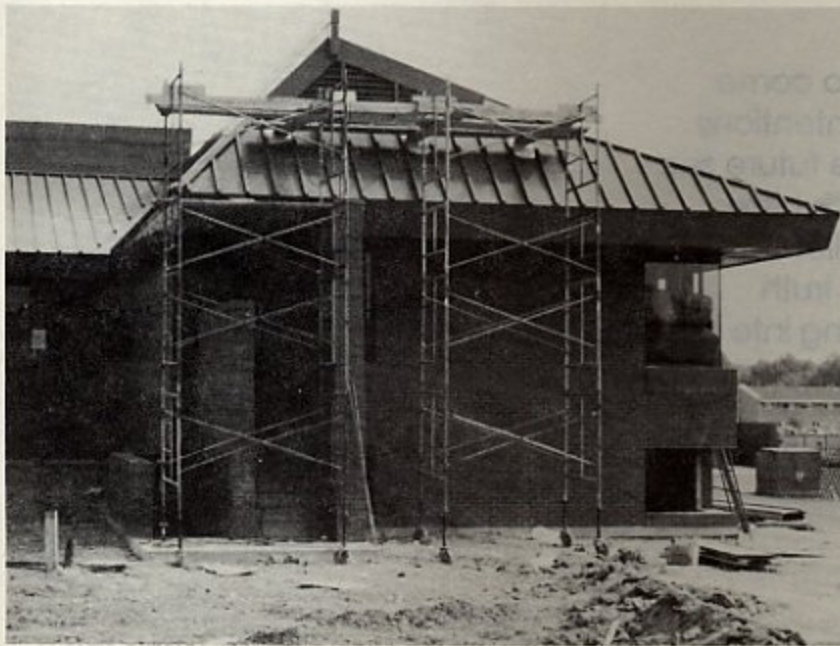
Staff of
St. Joseph School, Oshawa

A new boy who entered the school at age 14 from a group home, was known to be a bit difficult. The rule was that no one ever played or sat at the front of the school. When he was reported missing from afternoon class the principal began a search and found him sitting on the front steps, polishing and admiring a very sharp set of carving tools in a case. When questioned about his two transgressions his answer was "These belonged to my father and it was the only thing he had to leave me when he died." Rules are often very hard to follow and to enforce.



WORD CAME INTO THE SCHOOL ONE MORNING THAT THE FATHER OF ONE OF THE GRADE 8 BOYS HAD DIED SUDDENLY DURING THE NIGHT. ANOTHER TEACHER SAID SHE HAD SEEN "JOE" IN THE OTHER GRADE 8 CLASS THAT MORNING. WHEN I FOUND THE BOY I ASKED HIM WHY HE WAS IN SCHOOL HIS ANSWER WAS, "IT'S TOO SAD AT HOME, I'D RATHER BE HERE WITH MY FRIENDS."

PERHAPS KIDS GET MORE OUT OF SCHOOL THAN WE THINK THEY DO.



Time moves in a linear fashion,
from the thoughts of yesterday
to the speculations of tomorrow,
all woven by the essence of today.

We are a history as it happens,
the makers of a destiny
and the weavers of existence.

Where shall we be
a quarter century hence?
What shall we see
in future's recompense?

Only time will tell.

Let us then make the days to come
reverberate with our good intentions
and hope the readers of the future see
that what we tried to set forth here
was with conviction and belief
in a neverending search for truth
through an education moving into a moment
ever rooted by its history.



