



# From the Archives

## ST. DOMINIC'S SCHOOL 1913-1979

### WELCOME

To

**Our last Alumnae Reunion June 3, 1979**

Alumnae Reunion '79 Committee Members

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| Marguerite Benard       | Albert Daly      |
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### GIRLS' SCHOOL

In 1903 the English children of St. Dominic's Parish were taught in what was then "Academie Ste. Famille" under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Sister John Kepomucene was in charge of the English classes until 1919 when the French students moved out and the school became officially St. Dominic's under the direction of Sister Margaret of Scotland, the succeeding Principals were:

Sister John Nepomucene  
Sister Agnes of Assisi  
Sister Mary Margaret  
Sister Anne Catherine  
Sister Mary Hilda  
Sister Agnes of Assisi (2d term)  
Sister Lucy of Narni  
Sister Mary Ida  
Sister Mary Roselina  
Sister Francis of Alverno  
Sister Claire of the Passion  
Sister Caoline Cecilia  
Sister Katherine Williams  
Mr. Andrew Mansi  
Mr. Joseph Jaroslawski (present Principal)

### BOYS' SCHOOL

From 1913 to 1925 the Boys' School was under the direction of the Brothers of Christian Instruction. Brother Patrick was the Principal. In 1925 the Christian Brothers took over the direction of the School.

The first Principal was Brother Herman. The succeeding Principals were:

Brother James  
Brother Urban  
Brother John  
Brother Fidelis  
Brother Angelus  
Brother Osmund  
Brother Adrian  
Brother Lucian  
Brother James  
Mr. Robert McNabb

### **SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOLDAYS AT ST. DOMINIC'S**

#### **REMEMBER...**

...when there were over 1,000 children attending Saint Dominic's School.

...1927 - when at the request of Sister Mary Hilda, Principal, the School Board inscribed "Saint Dominic's Academy" in place of Academie Ste. Famille over the main door of the School.

...when First Communion and Confirmation - groups numbered 90 and 100 children.

...the playground at the corner of Laurier and Parthenais was run by the Kiwanis Club and our children spent many a happy hour at play there.

...the St. Patrick's Day concerts given by the boys and girls in the Immaculate Conception Hall on Rachel & Bordeaux.

...May 15, 1936 ... the 50th anniversary of Brother James as a member of his Order and great celebrations were held at Church and School.

...when Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Cubs and Brownies met after school in the hall for their regular meetings.

...the annual outings of the Sanctuary Boys under Brother Lucian.

...the Parish Fairs in which boys and girls took part.

...Sept.'36 when Sister Mary Ida succeeded in having First Year High established for the girls.

...1938 when Art Glashan "the Knute Rockne" of St. D's entered St. Dominic's football team into the City Division and... they won.

...May 1939 when the Junior Choir of St. Dominic Girls' School under the direction of Sister Francis of Alverno entered the Quebec Musical Festival Competition and won two trophies\*.

...the many sports activities of the boys' school.

...the operettas that Sister Francis directed: The Royal Playmate, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and others.

...1942, the Tercentenary Year of the Founding of our City, and every class presented a number in a gala concert. Parents were so proud of their children.

...October 1948, the grand and glorious FIRST GRADUATION ceremony of the class of '48 Girls which took place in St. Dominic's Church.

...when in 1952 the Boys' High School moved to Cardinal Newman and the ever-increasing classes of High School girls took over the vacated rooms.

...Sept. 12, 1955 when the Girls' High School moved to 3090 Laurier East and that school became Holy Names High. The classrooms vacated by the girls became Cardinal Newman Annex.

...Sept. 1967, when coeducation became the order of the day under the direction of Sister Katherine Williams.

...Sept. 1970 when St. Anselm's School closed and the children were bussed up to St. Dominic's.

...Sept. 1978 when St. Aloysius School had closed and many from that school were zoned to St. Dominic's.

...Spring of '79 when we were notified that now it was OUR SCHOOL that was to be closed.

...June 3, 1979 - our last reunion.

Though bricks and mortar may fall and our dear school disappear from its site on Delorimier Avenue, the spirit of Old St. D's win never die.