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St. Alphonsus School

In Goose Village

There was a section of Point-St-Charles known as Goose Village (entrance to Victoria Bridge) that was demolished to make way for EXPO '67. Victoriatown, south of Mill Street and east of Bridge Street, was more commonly known as "Goose Village". South of Mill and running parallel to it were Forfar, Conway & Britannia Streets; east of Bridge and running parallel to it were Menai and Riverside; Riverside ran from Britannia to Mill Street and the flue of the Lachine Canal; Bickerdyke Pier bordered Riverside. Goose Village was home to Irish, Polish, Lithuanian and Italian immigrants after WW I.

This densely populated area had a small English Catholic school named 'St. Alphonsus' with grade 1 and 2 classes only. It was an annex of St Ann's school. I did my first two years there back in the mid-forties. I believe that Frank Verrillo and Mario Tirelli also attended this school annex.

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