

In the early 1960s, a number of new subdivisions sprang up in the Riverside Park area of Ottawa South near Mooney's Bay. This brought about the need for a new school and a new parish. The parish was officially formed in the fall of 1966 and named Holy Cross. The new church, at the corner of Walkley Road and Springland Drive, was not built and occupied until March 1969.

At about the same time as this new parish was being planned and developed, the Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board was assessing the need for a new school in the area. A 1965 letter from architect Edward J. Cuhaci estimated the cost of a new school at \$298,000. In 1966, construction of the as-yet unnamed new school in the Walkley Road/Springland Drive area took place. Holy Cross Catholic School opened in September 1967, sharing the name of the newly-formed parish in the area. The official opening and blessing took place on October 10, 1968, with Bishop Windle officiating.

With the amalgamation of the Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board and the Carleton Roman Catholic School Board in 1998, a rationalization of school space took place. One result was that St. Victor Catholic School was closed, with its school community joining Holy Cross School in 1999. The same year also saw a computer lab opened at Holy Cross, as well as a library and a play structure. The main office was also renovated.

Holy Cross School today offers a welcoming and inclusive learning environment for students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. The challenge for each student is to be of service to others and to achieve personal growth and academic success. A strong sense of faith, community and excellence pervades the Holy Cross School community.

# HOLY CROSS

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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One highlight for the school was a visit by Ottawa South MPP Dalton McGuinty when he was the MPP for the area, prior to his becoming Premier of the Province of Ontario.

### Present Principal

Susan Thibault

### Past Principals

Paul Brady (1967)  
Vincent O'Reilly (1968)  
James Shea (1975-78)  
Donald Lenaghan (1978-83)  
Sister Anna Clare Berrigan (1984-85)  
Douglas Goodwin (1985-86)  
Clifford Foley (1986-91)  
Anthony Charbonneau (1991-97)  
Sheila Fergus (1998-2002)  
Monica Kerwin (2002-2006)

### Early Teaching and Support Staff

Arthur Johnston  
Faye Patsula  
Marlene Connelly  
Winnifred Wancgycki  
M. Ridzon  
Lee Hutt  
Fran McGilchrist  
Elaine McAllister  
Mrs. Bradley  
Victor Lauren  
Sister Helen Gray  
Shirley Harvey  
Maureen Wainwright  
Marion Barton  
Mrs. MacMillan  
Mr. Bonapart  
Kate Goodine  
Margaret Bray  
Diane Atsalenos  
R. Burgess  
Fran Blanchfield  
Bruce Kinsella  
Margaret Madden  
Pat Brown  
Mrs. Chapman  
Elnora McLean  
Sue Farrant  
Judy Cogan  
Anne Phillion  
Bonnie Steele  
Miss Stewart  
Mrs. Rowan  
Mrs. Hoganson

## **French Teachers**

Joelle Agar  
Louise Gardner  
Claire Carpentier  
Jeannette Rochon  
Ann Caron  
Mrs. Gauthier  
Sylvie Tessier  
Diane Noel  
Thérèse Condron  
Louise Vincent  
Denis Ducharme  
Danielle Miron  
Anita Lapérière

Marcella O'Connor, Secretary  
Sheila Forman, Secretary  
(1986-2005)  
Jill Hnatyshyn, Secretary  
(2005-present)  
Aline Charette, Custodian  
(1992-2005)

## **Former Students**

George Brown became a longtime  
City of Ottawa Councillor.

Jim Peplinski played for the  
Calgary Flames of the National Hockey  
League.

## **School Colours**

The school colours are blue, red  
and white.

## **Sports Team Logo**

The Holy Cross sports team logo  
features a grey background representing  
the wind. The words "Holy Cross" are on  
the logo in blue while the team name  
"Hurricanes" appears in red. There is also  
a cross in red and blue on the logo, located  
beneath the "Hurricanes" name. Student  
Samuel Dye designed this "Hurricanes"  
school sports logo in 2002.

## **Logo**

The school logo, in the shape of  
a stylized shield, features a white and red  
background with a cross that is partially  
coloured white and red in contrast to the  
similar background colours. The school name  
appears in red on the white background at  
the top of the logo.