

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, serving students from the Pinecrest-Queensway area of the City of Ottawa, dates back to 1961. It was originally referred to as Queensway School but was renamed "Our Lady of Victory" at the suggestion of the school's parish priest, Monsignor John R. Smith, and approved by trustees of the Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board at its January 29, 1962 meeting.

The school opened in 1961, but a little over 30 years later, it was totally rebuilt. During the 1992-93 renovation, a gymnasium and library were added to the structure. Total cost of this project was \$2,281,351. The students of Our Lady of Victory School attended St. Raymond's Intermediate School during this reconstruction year, overseen by Principal James McStravick who made sure that the relocation went smoothly for students, teachers and parents. Our Lady of Victory School received an influx of new students when St. Andrew Catholic School closed and its students were transferred to Our Lady of Victory in September 1973.

One tradition that lasted for many years at Our Lady of Victory School involved grade 6 students helping out at the West End Villa, a nearby nursing home. The students would visit on Friday afternoons and would accompany the seniors to Mass, held in a room at the Villa. Many friendships were formed as the students bonded with their senior friends.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School was one of the first schools in the Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board to pilot the Classroom 2000 initiative of the Carleton Roman Catholic School Board after the amalgamation of the two boards in 1998. Classroom 2000 is an innovative multi-media program meant to familiarize students with the use of a

scanner, projector and Power Point presentations.

Our Lady of Victory School can trace its name to the 16th century. To commemorate the victory of the Christian armada over the Turks on October 7, 1571, Pope Pius V introduced the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mother of Victory in 1572. This reference to victory has been maintained as a name for churches and sanctuaries all over the world, particularly in Spain, Italy, France and Germany.

Present Principal

Joanne Farquharson

Past Principals

Desmond Watt (1962-66)
Gregory Daly (1966)
Douglas Goodwin (1970)
Brian Brash
Philip Butler
Anthony Duggan
Mary Durst
Michael Nolan
John Shaughnessy
James McStravick
Gail Taillon
Donna McGrath

School Colours

Royal blue and yellow

Logo

A grade 6 student at the school first created the logo. The logo has changed somewhat over the years. It features a cross superimposed on a dark circle. The name "Our Lady of Victory" is at the bottom of the logo.

Historical Point of Interest

The school has had only three secretaries since opening in 1961 —
Eileen Ardley
Helen Lafortune
Kathy Milks (current)

Some of the school's longtime teachers

Colette Fontaine
Alexa Lapalme
Cheryl Nixon
Barbara Dalton
Micheline Leroux
Danielle Elie