



Durham Catholic District School Board

Sir Albert Love Catholic School



In the Beginning

It was in 1964 that this school opened. It was only fitting to name the school after Sir Albert Love, for his contributions to the Roman Catholic Church, to the Oshawa Separate School Board and to his community.

Sir Albert Love Catholic School, an eight-room elementary school, was built in 1965 to accommodate Catholic students in northeast Oshawa. In 1970, an addition was built to accommodate the growing student population. This addition included a library, an art and science classroom, as well as two open concept classrooms.

In 1984, the population peaked at 708, with several portables to accommodate the students. Boundary changes were made at this time to reduce the student population.

The main office underwent renovation in 2006 to allow for greater visibility of visitors entering the building.

After the 2009 Accommodation Review, the student population grew to approximately 250 students. The closure of St. Gregory Catholic School meant that students from that school were now part of the Sir Albert Love Catholic School boundary. Further renovations took place in 2010 to include permanent walls in what were once open concept classrooms, purpose-built kindergarten rooms that included washrooms, and updating of the the library.

The population in June 2012 was 250 students.

Our Patron

Albert Love was born on a farm in Cobourg at the turn of the 20th century and later went to Bellville to work with the Canadian National Railway. In 1920, he moved to Oshawa. After many years, Mr. Love retired and became the Oshawa Separate School Board's first business administrator. He and his wife, Anne, had three sons: John, Albert and Charles. Albert is a priest and lives in Oshawa.

Mr. Love had been widely known in Oshawa for many years because of his activities in the Roman Catholic Church and civic activities such as Church hockey leagues, the Boy Scouts Association, the Oshawa Housing Commission, and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, where he was co-chairman. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus and had served as the district deputy of the Knights for six years. During the Second World War, he was the director of Army Huts.

On May 63, 1956, Pope Pius XII invested Mr. Love with a very special honour, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, because of his outstanding service to the separate school board and for his contributions to the community of Oshawa. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre is one of the oldest organizations within the Catholic Church, and an ancient order of knighthood. This Order gave Albert Love the honorary title "Sir."

August 14, 1960, Sir Albert Love died suddenly in the lobby of the Lafayette Hotel in Buffalo. He was 60 years old and had seemed to be in good health. Attendance at his funeral, held at St. Gregory Church, where Sir Albert had been a parishioner since his arrival in Oshawa in 1920, was the largest ever for a

funeral service at that church. A wide cross-section of the city and district community was represented there. As one person said, "The rapid growth and expansion of Oshawa may be credited to his guidance and great devotion to school matters."

We feel very honoured to have our school named after him.

School Prayer

God, Our Creator,
You are with us today
As we try our best in everything we do.

Help us to be good to one another,
In the words we use
And the things we do.

Help us to be peacemakers,
And good problem solvers.

When we disagree with one another,
Help us to listen with an open mind
And to resolve our differences with
respectful words and actions.

Above all, help us to work together
Because together we will build a
better Community for everyone.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Principals

Sr. M. Richard (1965–1970)

Sr. M. Higgins (1970–1974)

Gerry Noonan (1974–1979)

John Holowaty (1979–1983)

Franck Corrigan (1983–1989)

Ron Oke (1989–1990)

Mary Cole (1990–1995)

Breen O'Connor (1995–1998)
Anita Sherwin-Hamer (1998–2003)
Helen Lanthier (2003–2004)
Maria Vasanelli (2004–2007)
Lyn Wardle (2007–2012)
Lenore O'Rahilly (2012-present)
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