



# **From the Archives**

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## **A ST. DOMINIC'S BOY'S STORY**

St. Dominic's School was on DeLorimier Ave, between Gilford and Mt.

Royal. I was born in December, 1936, in a house on Delorimier, near Masson St.

I attended St Dominic's from Grades 1 through 8 (no kindergarten in those days). Cardinal Newman H.S. opened in 1952, and students were transferred there.

In 1954 Brendan Fahey encouraged Grade 11 students to think about teaching as a career. Some graduates went to St. Joseph's Teachers' College in 1954 (among others Peter Galley, Gordon McCambridge, Claude Picard), while some (including me) completed Grade 12 at Newman and went to St Joe's in 1955 (Louis Balena, Ed Baluch, Ken Carpenter, Carl Dillon, Allan MacKinnon, Frank Vatrano, Guy Zenaitis) as B1's.

In the spring of 1956, the B1 students (about 70 men and women) were split into 2 groups, so that each group would teach half of the 56-57 school year, followed by a five-week summer school session. So, we were the first of the "half-timers". Thus, the B1's and the B2's graduated from St. Joe's at the same time in 1957.

St Joe's staff included Ed McCracken, Edmund St John Gough, Wilson Kennedy, Tom Francoeur, Mlle Buteau, Paul Galagher.

I taught my half year (September to January 31) Grade 5, at Our Lady of Mount Royal School on St Urbain and Rachel, Principal Art Glashan.

I retired on January 5, 1991.

And so, 83 years later, starting in Grade 1 in 1942....fond memories.

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