## The History of Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School

The name 'Holy Cross' is traced to the celebration or veneration of the Holy Cross which is a tradition associated with the death of Jesus on Good Friday. The feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on September 14th.

Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School was built to accommodate the increasing enrolment in the Malton area during the 1960's. The Board of Trustees made a purchase of land from Dalewood Investments for \$59510.00 on December 9, 1966. The school was officially blessed on November 12, 1967 by Reverend Dean Johnson and along with Our Lady of the Airways School became part of the Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic School Board in 1969. Major additions to the school were school were completed in 1967 and 1975. A complete renovation began in 2004 and will be completed in October 2006. We held our rededication and 40th anniversary celebration on November 15, 2006. It was a huge success and many former students and staff were able to join us. Part of our celebration included the renaming of our school library in honour of Bernard Kerr, who served as principal of Holy Cross from 1988 to 1998.

We will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We are hopeful that many of our former staff and students will be able to join us for this very special occasion.

## **Principals:**

Gerald Goulah September 1967 to June 1968 Ed Bajus September 1968 to June 1969 Larry Cook September 1969 to June 1971 Bob McAllister September 1971 to June 1975 John St. Germain September 1975 to June 1984 Ken Ward September 1984 to June 1988 Bernard Kerr September 1988 to Feb. 1998 Arthur Shepherd March 1998 to June 1998 Nick Milanetti September 1998 to June 2002 Filippo Carnevale September 2002 to June 2006 Mark Cassar September 2006 to June 2010 September 2010 to June 2017 Joseph Sestito Grace Graci September 2017 to present