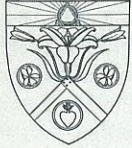


THE SISTERS  
OF  
ST. JOSEPH



The Sisters of St. Joseph began their work here at St. Aloysius before the school was built. For about five years a group of sisters taught Catechism to the children of the parish. In 1948 the new school was ready and six sisters under the leadership of Sister Mary Edward opened the doors to Catholic education in this section of Cheektowaga.

Registration proved that the school would indeed be popular and it was necessary to begin with a double session of Kindergarten and First Grade. Classes were carried on in the basement, as the classrooms were still in the process of being finished. Before the end of the first year a seventh sister had to be added to the growing school. By the end of five years, an addition to the already large school was necessary, when registration and faculty were nearly tripled.

Sister Mary Grace succeeded Sister Mary Edward as principal of a growing school in an expanding community. All were saddened by the untimely death of Sister Mary Edward who exerted tireless efforts to make St. Aloysius School a fine representative of Catholic education.

Under the able leadership of Sister Lucia, the school continued to grow until the need of a convent for the sisters seemed a necessity.

Sister de la Salle was appointed principal in 1957. In 1962 the new convent was opened and the present staff of fourteen sisters under Sister de la Salle's continued leadership serve the spiritual and educational needs of your children.

The Sisters of St. Joseph have considered it a privilege to staff St. Aloysius School for the past twenty-five years. Now, under the capable leadership of our new pastor, Most Reverend Pius A. Benincasa, we are honored to continue our work of Catholic education in your parish.