Toronto Catholic District School Board
And Loretto Sisters Sign Purchase Agreement
For Loretto Abbey

The Toronto Catholic District School and The Loretto Ladies’ Colleges and Schools are pleased to announce the sale of Loretto Abbey to TCDSB.

“We are pleased that an agreement could be reached with the Loretto Sisters,” says TCDSB Chair Ann Andrachuk. “The purchase of the property will enable us to continue to provide quality Catholic education for young women in this area.”

“We thank the Loretto Sisters for their commitment to Catholic education, and we are proud to keep their legacy alive through this fine institution that they founded so many years ago,” says Ms. Andrachuk. “Our Board cherishes the rich traditions and Catholic values that we are privileged to pass on to future generations.”

Loretto Abbey, located at 101 Mason Boulevard after moving from Wellington St in 1929 is home to more than 900 students. It was founded on Bond St in 1847 by the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The transaction includes the school and the entire property.

“We take great pride in the contribution that our Order has made to Catholic education in the City of Toronto,” says Evanne Hunter, IBVM, Provincial Leader of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “Our members made many sacrifices to ensure that Catholic families could avail themselves of a Catholic education for their children, and we are pleased that this beautiful building, so rich with history and tradition, will continue to operate as a Catholic school for young women. Though the giving up of this repository of so much of our history is painful, we Loretto Sisters take solace in the fact that we will continue to be connected to the school for many years.”

Archbishop Thomas Collins made this comment to Sr Evanne “I am glad that you will be selling to the TCDSB, as that will make it possible for Loretto Abbey to continue in the Loretto tradition of Catholic education within this Archdiocese.”

The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 90,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves approximately 475,000 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.